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159	H. C. Cushing.....	1853	1853	289	J. L. Elderdice.....	1880	1883
176	W. M. Strayer.....	1858	1860	290	G. R. McCready.....	1880	1883
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194	J. W. Gray.....	1861	1863	297	J. M. Gill.....	1882	1885
196	J. B. Jones	1861	1862	299	S. F. Cassen	1883	1886
203	J. D. Kinzer.....	1863	1865	301	E. O. Ewing.....	1884	Tr.
205	W. D. Litsinger	1863	1865	302	E. A. Warfield.....	1884	1886
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215	J. M. Holmes.	1865	1867	308	J. W. Kirk.....	1885	1886
220	A. W. Mather.....	1866	1868	309	B. W. Kindley.....	1885	1887
222	J. T. Lassell.....	1866	1866	310	H. L. Elderdice.....	1885	1885
226	D. L. Greenfield.....	1868	1870	312	F. T. Benson.....	1886	1887
234	J. L. Straughn	1870	1872	315	J. F. Wooden.....	1886	1889
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242	W. A. Crouse.	1870	1870	318	B. P. Truitt.....	1887	1889
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246	A. A. Harryman.....	1871	1873	321	G. W. Haddaway.....	1888	1890
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256	J. M. Yingling	1873	1875	330	C. E. McCullough.....	1889	1891
257	W. R. Graham	1873	1874	331	W. M. Poisal.....	1889	1864
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260	G. F. Farring	1873	1876	337	R. K. Lewis	1891	1893
261	F. H. Mullineaux	1873	1876	338	L. F. Warner	1891	1893
262	J. A. Weigand.....	1874	1876	339	J. W. Parris.....	1891	1891
265	G. Q. Bacchus.....	1874	1877	340	Avery Donovan.....	1891	1892
269	C. S. Arnett.....	1875	1878	341	S. W. Coe	1891	Tr.
270	J. M. Sheridan	1875	1877	342	Dorsey Blake	1892	1893
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278	J. W. Trout	1876	1879	344	C. M. Cullum.....	1892	1893

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345	G. R. Donaldson	1892	1895	389	J. L. Ward.....	1897	1899
346	E. S. Foeks.....	1892	1894	391	J. M. Dickey	1898	1900
347	A. H. Green... ..	1892	1894	393	C. M. Zepp	1899	1900
349	F. H. Lewis.....	1892	1893	394	B. F. Ruley	1899	1900
350	C. K. McCaslin.....	1892	1893	396	T. R. Woodford.....	1899	1900
352	Louis Randall.....	1892	1894	397	G. E. Brown.....	1899	1904
354	J. A. Wright	1892	1892	398	C. M. Compher	1900	1901
355	G. M. Clayton.....	1893	1896	399	J. L. Nichols.....	1900	1903
356	J. McL. Brown.....	1893	1894	400	F. J. Phillips	1900	1903
357	G. W. Hines	1893	1896	401	W. N. Sherwood.....	1900	1903
358	W. B. Judefind	1893	1896	402	E. P. Perry.....	1900	1903
359	E. C. Makosky.....	1893	1895	403	E. H. Jones.....	1900	1905
360	C. P. Nowlin	1893	1895	405	J. H. Straughn.....	1901	1903
362	G. L. Wolfe.....	1893	1895	406	C. R. Strausburg.....	1901	1904
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364	G. L. Hill.....	1894	1894	409	P. W. Crosby.....	1903	1904
365	W. H. Litsinger.....	1894	1896	410	D. M. Dibble	1903	1905
366	H. E. Nelson.....	1894	1896	411	G. J. Hooker	1903	1904
369	F. S. Cain.....	1895	1898	412	F. P. Krauss.....	1903	1905
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377	T. H. Wright	1895	1893	420	W. B. Elliott	1904
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379	N. O. Gibson.....	1896	1898	422	G. F. Norris.....	1904
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381	E. D. Stone.....	1896	1898	424	N. C. Clough	1905
382	G. H. Stocksdales	1896	1899	425	Carroll Maddox.....	1905
383	H. F. Wright	1886	1897	426	W. P. Roberts	1905
387	W. A. Melvin	1897	1898	427	W. C. Stone	1905
388	E. T. Read	1897	1899				

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		Isaac Ford
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		Frank Harman
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Oak Grove	J. R. Wade
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Powellville	S. H. Tilghman
Rhode Island Ave.....	Oliver Cox	
	G. W. Honey.....	
Salem	T. P. Revelle	
Snow Hill.....	F. P. Morris
		J. H. Tilghman
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- 4 *Our Church Home Report*—E. C. Makosky, C. P. Nowlin, H. N. Veasey.
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- 8 *On Establishing Mission Work at Lewes, Del.*—J. L. Nichols, N. O. Gibson, G. F. Faring, H. O. Keen, C. E. Dryden, G. J. Hooker.

Faculty of Instruction

Preparatory Course

- S. J. SMITH—Binney's Theological Compend.
J. T. LASSELL—The New Testament. English Grammar.
W. M. STRAYER—Miller's Clerical Habits and Manners. Conference Official Reports.
J. L. MILLS—Merrill's Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience.
S. B. SOUTHERLAND—Constitution and Discipline of the M. P. Church.

All persons intending to apply for admission on trial will write to the President of the Conference for an official blank, on which the application should be made.

First Year's Class

- T. H. LEWIS—Fisher's Manual on Christian Evidences.
Miley's Theology, Vol. I. to page 155.
D. L. GREENFIELD—Broadus' Preparation and Delivery of Sermons.
A written sermon submitted February 1st.
J. M. HOLMES—Nicholl's Help to the Study of the Bible.
J. W. GRAY—Drinkhouse's History of Methodist Reform, Vol. I.
Students—J. T. Bailey, N. C. Clough, Carroll Maddox, W. P. Roberts and W. C. Stone.

Seminarians prepare and forward theses on "Proofs of the Existence of God," to Dr. Lewis on or before February 1st, 1906.

Second Year's Class

- H. C. CUSHING—Miley's Theology, Vol. I., page 155 to end.
S. B. TREDWAY—Barrow's Sacred Geography and Antiquities.
W. M. STRAYER—Fisher's Church History. (Complete).
J. E. MALOY—Drinkhouse's History of Methodist Reform, Vol. II.
D. L. GREENFIELD—A written sermon submitted February 1st.
Students—P. W. Crosby, G. E. Brown, F. M. Clift, W. B. Elliott, G. I. Humphreys, J. E. Litsinger, G. F. Norris.

Seminarians prepare and forward theses on "Native Depravity," to H. C. Cushing on or before February 1st, 1906.

Third Year's Class

F. T. BENSON—Miley's Theology, Vol. II. A written sermon submitted by January 1st.

J. S. BOWERS—Foster's Supernatural Book.

A. W. MATHER—Miller's Christian Ministry.

The following books are to be read by the class and a written Syllabus presented to the examiners at the time indicated:

J. S. BOWERS—Peck's "The Revival and the Pastor," submitted November 1st.

A. W. MATHER—Buckley's "Theory and Practice of Extemporaneous Preaching," submitted February 1st.

Students—D. M. Dibble, F. P. Krauss, G. J. Hooker, Clayborne Phillips, R. L. Shipley.

Seminarians prepare and forward theses on "The Atonement," on or before February 1st, 1905, to F. T. BENSON.

Graduates from Westminster Theological Seminary shall not be examined in any of the studies of this course, except in Hebrew and Greek; but such students shall present each year theses on theological subjects to be appointed by the examiners in Systematic Theology.

All students to be examined in Hebrew and Greek will appear before H. L. ELDERDICE, in Hebrew. 1st year, Ruth, or selections from the Psalms; 2nd year, Malachi, or selections from Isaiah; 3rd year, Jonah or selections from Job. J. T. LASSELL, in Greek, Matthew, 28th Chapter.

S. B. Southerland will deliver a lecture on the Practice and Theory of our Church Government and every student is required to attend this lecture and examination, and also to answer the question: "Have you spent a portion of each day in private study of the Word and in prayer?"

The faculty meets on Wednesday of Conference at 4:00 p. m., to examine students.

Correct answers to two-thirds of the questions asked will be required to pass a candidate either for reception on trial or into any class of the course, or for orders. Two-thirds will be marked 70. All questions answered, or less three, will be marked 100, and all receiving 100 will be reported to the Conference.

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J. L. MILLS, *Secretary*.

DEAD ROLL.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day." 2 Tim., iv. 7, 8.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Born</i>	<i>Entered Con- ference</i>	<i>Died</i>
Charles Rigby	1782	1829	1830
Joseph Scull	1785	1829	1830
Washington Hamilton Hays.....	....	1830	1831
William Bamber .....	....	1831	1832
Charles Wesley Jacobs.....	1812	1829	1833
John James Hanson.....	....	1829	1834
William Kesley .....	....	1830	1841
Isaac Webster Clippinger.....	....	1842	1842
Samuel L. Rawleigh.....	....	1834	1843
Daniel Davies, M. D.....	....	1833	1844
William W. Maddux.....	....	1838	1844
William W. Ball.....	....	1842	1844
William H. Boardley.....	....	1843	1846
Samuel D. Norwood.....	1820	1844	1847
Isaac Webster.....	1787	1829	1851
Levi Rogers Reese.....	1806	1832	1851
Frederick Stier.....	1783	1830	1851
Richard Adkinson.....	1817	1841	1851
Levin A. Collins.....	1814	1837	1853
John Smith Reese, M. D.....	1790	1829	1855
Francis George Wright.....	1823	1849	1859
Nevelle Steele Greenaway.....	1824	1852	1861
William Turbert Wright.....	1808	1845	1862
Washington Roby.....	1816	1839	1862
Thoroughgood C. Ewell.....	1832	1856	1862
Josiah Varden.....	1806	1831	1863
George D. Hamilton.....	1798	1831	1864
Reuben Tyler Boyd.....	1794	1833	1865
Thomas Hart Benton Austin.....	1842	1863	1865
James Francis Whiteside.....	1828	1850	1866
Eli Henkle.....	1787	1829	1867
Francis Waters, D. D.....	1792	1838	1867
Thomas H. Burgess.....	1828	1861	1868
Thomas Mahlon Wilson.....	1814	1842	1870
Luther J. Cox.....	1791	1869	1870
Christian Eversole.....	1820	1852	1870
Daniel Bowers.....	1832	1854	1871
John Morgan.....	1811	1844	1871
Henry C. Hayghe.....	1844	1869	1871
John Elderdice.....	1814	1838	1874
John Roberts.....	1818	1843	1875
Amon Richards.....	1787	1870	1876
Abraham S. Eversole, M. D.....	1813	1839	1877

<i>Name</i>	<i>Born</i>	<i>Entered Con- ference</i>	<i>Died</i>
Daniel Evans Reese, D. D.....	1810	1830	1877
Samuel Guest Valiant.....	1852	1870	1877
William C. Ames, D. D. S.....	1839	1869	1878
John Edgar Read.....	1846	1865	1878
Thomas M. Bryan.....	1818	1846	1879
William Corrie Lipscomb.....	1792	1869	1879
Thomas Asbury Moore.....	1824	1845	1881
David Norwood Gilbert.....	1851	1873	1881
Isaac Tunnel Adkins.....	1809	1865	1881
Thomas Lee	1821	1857	1882
Peter Light Wilson.....	1822	1842	1883
Thomas McCormick.....	1792	1869	1883
Charles Theodore Cochell.....	1832	1859	1884
James Martin Elderdice.....	1817	1840	1884
Arthur Daniel Murray.....	1856	1879	1884
Henry Edward Miskimon.....	1845	1866	1885
Joseph Alexander McFaden.....	1825	1847	1885
Alfred Baker.....	1813	1841	1885
Christopher Burns Middleton.....	1854	1876	1886
William Thomas Dumm.....	1817	1843	1886
David Anthony Shermer, M. D.....	1824	1844	1886
Daniel Fitchett Ewell, M. D.....	1817	1839	1888
William Francis Livingston.....	1836	1861	1888
Charles McFeely Thompson.....	1843	1868	1889
Robert Thomas Smith.....	1850	1874	1889
Augustus Webster, D. D.....	1808	1832	1890
Samuel Tucker Ferguson.....	1840	1864	1890
James Thompson.....	1819	1853	1890
Robert Wilkins Berryman.....	1816	1876	1891
James Henry Ellegood.....	1817	1850	1892
Theodore Denny Valiant.....	1820	1846	1894
John Byrd Whaley, A. M., B. D.....	1867	1891	1894
Edwin Ruthven McGregor, A. M., B. D., D. C. L.	1817	1872	1895
James Kane Nichols, D. D.....	1817	1836	1895
Daniel Webster Bates, D. D.....	1815	1843	1895
John William Charlton.....	1832	1860	1896
Thomas E. Coulbourn.....	1853	1880	1896
Riley Seth Williamson.....	1863	1887	1896
John Robert Nichols.....	1815	1838	1896
James Thomas Ward, D. D.....	1820	1843	1897
Rhesa Scott Norris.....	1820	1843	1897
James L. Killgore, D. D.....	1832	1872	1898
John Wesley Everist.....	1810	1834	1898
Robert Luther Lewis.....	1847	1871	1899
Andrew James Walter.....	1847	1874	1899
Joshua Thomas Murray, D. D.....	1830	1851	1899
George Jeffrey Smith.....	1844	1876	1900
Hamilton Jefferson Day.....	1820	1846	1900
William Greenbury Holmes.....	1822	1855	1900
Laurence Webster Bates, D. D.....	1819	1840	1901
W. J. Floyd.....	1831	1871	1902
Jesse Shreeve.....	1824	1847	1902
John Edward Tyson Ewell, M. D.....	1834	1859	1902
Benjamin Franklin Benson, D. D.....	1835	1856	1902
Edward Jacob Drinkhouse, M. D., D. D. . .	1830	1850	1903
Hammond Spencer Leas, A. M., B. D.....	1872	1899	1903
Adolphus David Melvin, D. D.....	1846	1872	1904
Abraham Downs Dick.....	1826	1854	1904
Charles Humphreys Littleton.....	1829	1852	1905
John Jackson Murray, M. D., D. D.....	1824	1842	1905

Journal

FIRST DAY—Wednesday

SALISBURY, MD., April 5th., 1905.

The Seventy-Seventh Session of the Maryland Annual Conference convened in the Salisbury Methodist Protestant Church to-day at 9:00 a. m. The President, F. T. Little, called the Conference to order and conducted the opening devotional exercises. Isaiah the fortieth chapter and Acts the second chapter were read. Hymn 205, "We are Watching, we are Waiting," was sung and prayer was offered by the President.

After the prayer the President read his report (Report A) and his character was passed.

W. S. Phillips, Secretary of the Conference, called the roll. J. D. Kinzer stated that C. H. Littleton had died during the year, and his name was placed on the Dead Roll. H. C. Cushing announced that A. D. Dick had also passed beyond, and his name was transferred to the Dead Roll.

The following changes in the lay roll were made: E. H. Clements from Campbell circuit, and L. S. Fleckinstine of Easton, alternates, were given seats in the Conference.

The President read the list of Standing Committees. (See list).

W. R. Graham offered a resolution that at eleven o'clock each morning the Conference suspend its business for fifteen minutes and devote the time to prayer for the blessing of the Holy Spirit upon our churches for the year. There was much discussion as to the time. J. L. Straughn moved to amend that the service be held in connection with the regular morning devotional services. J. M. Yingling offered a further amendment that the time be fixed for the last fifteen minutes of the morning session. Both amendments failed and the original resolution was adopted. (Resolution 1).

The order of the day at 10:30 o'clock was the Conference Sermon. J. W. Balderston, appointed of the President for the sermon, came to

the platform and announced hymn 393, "Onward, Christian Soldiers." F. H. Lewis read a lesson from the thirteenth chapter of Romans and J. L. Mills offered prayer. Brother Balderston preached from Ezekiel 7:23, "Make a chain: for the land is full of bloody crimes and the city is full of violence," taking as his subject, "The Responsibility of the Church in the Repression of Crime." The service closed with prayer by the President and singing by the Conference of hymn 397, "Christ for the World, we Sing" and the benediction by President Little.

Afternoon

At two o'clock the President called the Conference to order for business.

- On motion of G. Q. Bacchus, the bar of the Conference was fixed for the first six rows of pews across the church. The hours for sessions were fixed from 9:00 to 12:00 and from 2:00 to adjourn at pleasure.

By common consent papers were referred to the Faculty of Instruction and to the Committee on Church Extension, without reading.

A communication from the General Board of Home Missions requesting a continuance of the Home Mission assessment, was referred without reading to the Board of Finance.

W. S. Phillips, the Secretary of the Conference and Chairman of Committee on Publication of Minutes, submitted his annual report, stating that the contract for publishing the minutes of this Conference had already been placed. He also recommended that he be permitted to purchase a new trunk for the use of the Conference Secretary. The recommendation was adopted and the report referred to the Board of Finance for audit. (Report B).

J. D. Kinzer submitted the report of the Educational Endowment Society, (See Report P). The money left by Dr. Drinkhouse to the Board has been invested and the interest paid over to the Seminary according to the bequest. The report was referred to the Committee on Education.

A communication from T. P. Revelle, in which he states his resignation as pastor of the First Methodist Protestant Church of Seattle, Wash., and requesting his name to be placed on the list of Unstationed Ministers, was read and referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations. On a further suggestion, the request was referred to the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders. (See Report F).

A letter from David Wilson was read, regretting his inability to attend the Conference and requesting a continuance of his supernumerary relation. The request was granted.

The President stated that W. S. Hammond had sent his love to the Conference and requested that his relation, left without appointment at his own request, be continued. The request was granted.

A paper from Lauraville was referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

The President appointed the following brethren to take charge of the morning devotional meetings: Thursday, J. L. Nichols; Friday, Thomas Wheeler; Saturday, D. M. Dibble; Monday, G. I. Humphreys; Tuesday, Clayborne Phillips.

The order of the day for the election of officers having arrived, the President appointed the following tellers, and the Conference voted: E. C. Makosky, M. A. Davis, C. R. Strausburg and W. H. Thomas.

The first ballot for President resulted as follows: F. T. Little, 131; W. R. Graham, 37; J. M. Sheridan, 4; J. M. Gill, 6; J. L. Mills, 2; W. J. Neepier, 1; J. W. Balderston, 1. The Secretary thereupon declared F. T. Little elected.

G. Q. Bacchus moved that J. H. S. Ewell cast the unanimous vote of the Conference for W. S. Phillips, as Secretary of the Conference. The motion was adopted and the Assistant Secretary cast the ballot.

The following Stewards were declared elected to serve at the Conference of 1906, upon individual motions of the Conference: Conference Steward, W. N. Sherwood; Church Extension, E. S. Fooks; Superannuate Fund, C. P. Nowlin; Foreign Missions, W. A. Melvin; General Home Missions, C. R. Strausburg; Education, J. M. Dickey; Our Church Home, L. A. Bennett; Bible and Tract, G. E. Brown.

The ballot for the Standing District Committee was taken, and two of the tellers were permitted to withdraw and count the ballot.

The ballot for the Committee on Appeals was taken, with the announcement that only members of the Conference were eligible for election. The tellers were permitted to withdraw and count the ballot.

J. L. Mills submitted the report of the Baltimore Book Directory, and the report was referred to the Committee on Literature. (See Report J).

The report of the President of Western Maryland College was read by the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Education. The report states the average number of students and the building of a new gymnasium. (See Report P).

W. S. Phillips offered a resolution requesting J. W. Balderston to permit the publication of his Conference Sermon in the Minutes. The President stated that when Brother Balderston consented to preach the sermon he did so with the request that the sermon be not printed. T. H. Lewis amended that the sermon be passed over to him for publication in pamphlet form. There was a further amendment that the sermon be printed in the Minutes. The second amendment was

lost and the paper as amended by Dr. Lewis was adopted. (Resolution 2).

J. D. Kinzer made a motion which prevailed that 10:15 o'clock Thursday morning be fixed as the order of the day for a meeting of the Church Extension Society. The motion prevailed.

J. W. Hering, Treasurer, submitted the report of Our Church Home, (Report D), and at his request the report was referred to a special committee.

Papers were referred to the Committees on Church Extension and Missions without reading.

The report of the Agent of the President's Parsonage was referred without reading to the Board of Finance for audit. (See Report A).

S. J. Smith, pastor of the Conference Church, stated that there would be an overflow meeting to-night in the Presbyterian Church. Clayborne Phillips and R. L. Shipley would be the speakers, on Christian Endeavor and Sunday Schools.

On motion, the hour of the day for depositing reports was fixed at 9:45 to-morrow morning.

After further announcements the Conference adjourned with the benediction by J. B. Jones.

Evening

The meeting of the evening was in the interests of Christian Endeavor and Sunday Schools. Edgar T. Reed presided. C. K. McCaslin made an address on "The Relation of the Sunday School to the Church." The place of T. O. Crouse, who had been kept away from Conference, was supplied by G. W. Haddaway, on Christian Endeavor. J. H. Straughn, President of the Denominational Union brought a few words of greeting from the Union.

SECOND DAY—Thursday

The morning devotional exercises were conducted by J. L. Nichols. The President called the Conference to order for business at 9:30 o'clock, and the Secretary colled the roll.

W. M. Strayer moved that the roll-call hereafter be dispensed with, except when the question of quorum was raised. The motion passed.

The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

The roll of charges was called and pastors deposited reports.

L. T. Widerman, Agent of the Maryland Bible Society, was introduced and addressd the Conference in the interests of his work.

The President announced the special committee on Our Church Home as follows: E. C. Makosky, C. P. Nowlin, H. N. Veasey.

The order of the day, 10:15 o'clock, having arrived, the Conference gave way to a meeting of the Church Extension Society. The Conference resumed its session at 10:50.

The President called attention to the neglect of Article 5, of the Constitution of the Superannuate Fund Society, with reference to the personnel of its Board of Managers. J. W. Hering made a motion which was adopted, that the Society elect eight members, four of them ministers and four of them laymen.

The report of the ballot for the Standing District Committee was as follows: Ministers elected, J. D. Kinzer and J. L. Straughn; Laymen elected, T. P. Fisher, W. B. Usilton and W. G. Baker.

The order of the day at eleven o'clock was the prayer service, and the Conference enjoyed a refreshing season of song and prayer.

At 11:15 the report of the tellers on the ballot for Standing District Committee was again taken up and on motion the Secretary cast the ballot for W. S. Hammond as the third minister on the committee.

T. H. Lewis read a paper on "Our Veterans," extending sympathy and affection to S. B. Southerland, J. J. Murray, David Wilson and W. S. Hammond in their afflictions, and instructing the Secretary to communicate this action to the brethren named. The paper was adopted with a rising vote. (Resolution 3).

T. H. Lewis at this point presented to the Conference bound copies of the Maryland Annual Conference Minutes and General Conference Minutes, together with other historical matter, which he had accumulated for the preservation of our history as a church. (See Report BB). J. E. Nicholson moved that a special committee of three be appointed to formulate an expression of acceptance. The motion prevailed and the President appointed J. E. Nicholson, J. W. Balderston and J. W. Hering.

The report of tellers on the ballot for the Committee on Appeals was read by the Secretary. J. W. Hering, layman, was the only election. On motion, the three ministers and two laymen receiving the highest vote, were declared elected by the Secretary as follows: Ministers, J. D. Kinzer, W. M. Strayer and J. L. Mills. Laymen, J. N. Warfield and M. A. Davis.

A paper from St. Luke's requesting a contribution of \$1,000 to the building of a new church, was read and referred to the Committee on Church Enterprises.

A communication from J. C. Berrien, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education, was referred to the Committee on Education. In his absence, H. L. Elderdice acted for him.

A letter from Clarke Memorial Methodist Church requesting the loan of J. S. Bowers for the year, was read and referred to the Com-

mittee on Fraternal Relations. A letter from St. John's Independent Methodist Church requesting the loan of F. T. Benson, was read and referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations. (See Report N).

The Committee on Credentials submitted its report and recommended that Lewis Harmon, of Indian Mission, be placed on the lay roll. The report was adopted. (Report S).

After announcement of committees the Conference took recess until two o'clock. B. W. Kindley pronounced the benediction.

Afternoon

At two p. m. the President took the chair and the Conference resumed business.

The report of the Maryland Branch of the W. F. M. S. was referred to the Committee on Missions. (See Report Q).

By common consent, papers were referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

The report of the Special Committee on the Revision of Pastor's Statistical Report Blank, appointed last Conference, recommended that the blank be altered to harmonize with the Conference Minutes. The report was adopted. (Report Z).

The Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference submitted their report, stating that N. T. Meginniss had been elected to succeed J. G. Clarke, deceased. The report was adopted. (Report C). J. L. Mills, J. M. Sheridan, Rowland Watts and T. A. Murray, whose terms expire as trustees this year, were upon motion re-elected by the Secretary casting a ballot. N. T. Meginniss was re-elected to succeed himself, already temporarily elected by the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary submitted its annual report. The report stated 25 students for the year and the buying of some property contiguous to the Seminary. (See Report P). The report was referred to the Committee on Education.

J. W. Balderston submitted the report of the Committee on President's Report. The recommendation making the Secretary the Committee on Publication of Minutes was adopted. Recommendation 2, that all Standing Committees be composed of an equal number of ministers and laymen was adopted. Recommendation 3, fixing the call of the Dead Roll at the time of the Memorial Service was adopted. Recommendation fixing the time of meeting in the interest of Literature and Education from four to five o'clock Friday afternoon, was adopted. The report as a whole was adopted. (See Report A).

By common consent, papers were referred to committees on Church Extension, Christian Endeavor and Board of Finance.

There was communicated at this point to the Conference the action of the General Conference requiring the election of a Commissioner from this Conference to the Council of the Methodist Protestant, Congrega-

tional and United Brethren Churches on the question of Union. J. M. Holmes moved that the Secretary cast the ballot for T. H. Lewis. Dr. Lewis objected, and moved that election be fixed for Saturday morning at ten o'clock. The motion was lost and the Conference proceeded to ballot. The election resulted as follows: T. H. Lewis, 126; F. T. Tagg, 6; W. M. Strayer, 2; W. R. Graham, 2; J. L. Mills, 1; F. T. Little, 1; J. D. Kinzer, 2; J. M. Sheridan, 1. T. H. Lewis was declared elected.

J. D. Kinzer offered a resolution of sympathy to H. Clyde Grimes, a member of this Conference, who had been kept away because of the sudden death of his father. The resolution was adopted. (Resolution 5).

Papers were referred to the Committees on Church Extension, Church Enterprises and Board of Finance by common consent.

G. Q. Bacchus offered a resolution fixing the time of the next Annual Conference for the first Wednesday of April, 1906. The resolution was laid on the table for twenty-four hours, according to rule.

J. L. Straughn moved that the item in the President's Report, relative to the church lot in Towson, be referred to the Committee on Church Extension. The motion prevailed.

S. J. Smith made a motion which prevailed, that the Conference elect an alternate commissioner to the General Council of Churches on Union, and a further motion which also passed, that the Secretary cast the ballot for J. W. Hering. Dr. Hering was declared elected.

C. S. Arnett requested that he be left without appointment for another year, which was granted.

The committee on President's Report submitted a supplemental report concurring in the recommendation of the President that the name of A. A. Bichell be stricken from the roll. The report was adopted.

On motion of J. D. Kinzer the Conference adjourned, J. M. Sheridan pronounced the benediction.

Evening

The meeting in the evening was in the interest of Temperance, presided over by Mr Daniel Baker. Hon. Volney Cushing, of Maine, made the address, "Why a Prohibition Party?"

THIRD DAY—Friday

Thomas Wheeler conducted the opening devotional services, and the President took the chair at 9:30. The minutes were read and approved.

The Secretary called the roll of charges, and delegates filed communications.

Papers were referred without reading to the Committee on Church Extension, from Kemptown, Montgomery and Greenwood, and to the Board of Finance from Heathsville.

A communication from the First Methodist Protestant Church of Pittsburg, Pa., requesting the loan of F. H. Lewis for one year, was read and referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations. (See Report N).

A letter from W. M. Poisal, requesting a continuance of his relation, was read by the Secretary and the request was granted.

A letter from G. D. Edmonston, regretting his inability to attend Conference and requesting a continuance of his relation for another year, was read and his request was granted.

The Committee on Church Enterprises submitted its report, and the report was adopted, except the item recommending the appropriation of \$1,000 to St. Luke's, which was referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

The report of the Special Committee on the Publication of J. L. Elderdice's Sermon of last Conference, was read, stating that the sermon had been published in pamphlet form. The report was adopted. (Report W).

A partial report of the Committee on Church Extension, that an assessment of \$4,000 be levied on the District for church extension purposes, was read and adopted.

A partial report of the Committee on Superannuates, recommending that the same assessment of \$4,500 be levied on the District for Superannuates, was read and adopted.

The President stated that G. L. Wolf had requested a superannuate relation, and his case was referred to the Committee on Superannuates. (See Report H).

The Committee on Pulpit Service submitted its report, and it was adopted with the understanding that should any of the appointments conflict with those to be ordained they should be relieved.

T. H. Lewis said that Bro. Balderston had consented to the publication of his conference sermon, and that it would appear in pamphlet form at five cents the copy. C. M. Zepp was appointed to take subscriptions.

The Conference at this point gave way to a meeting of the Superannuate Fund Society, and immediately after to a meeting of the Mutual Relief Association.

The Conference resumed its business at 11:50 o'clock, having observed in the meanwhile the 11:00 o'clock prayer meeting.

Rev. J. W. McIlvane, Agent of the Maryland Tract Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference relative to his work.

The delegates from Laurel, Millville and Brooklyn were excused from further attendance at the sessions of Conference.

The Conference took a recess until two o'clock, with the benediction by F. T. Benson.

Afternoon

The Conference resumed business at 2:00 p. m.

F. H. Mullineaux, Chairman of the Committee on Sunday Schools, read the report of that committee, which was adopted. (Report K).

G. W. Haddaway, Committee on Transportation, read his report, which was adopted with the thanks of the Conference (Report U).

The report of the Special Committee to prepare a formal acceptance of Dr. Lewis's gift, was read, thanking Dr. Lewis for his gift and recommending that the paper read by him be preserved in the bound copy of minutes. The report was adopted. (Report BB).

The resolution fixing the time for the next Annual Conference was taken from the table and adopted.

The report of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society was submitted by its president, J. S. Bowers, and read by the Secretary. (See Report G). It states the authorization of the sale of Waverly Church subject to the endorsement of this Conference. The report was referred to the Committee on Church Extension. (See Report G).

J. M. Holmes offered a resolution fixing the minimum assessment upon each charge at \$2 for each minister; \$1 for each member of the church; 50c for each probationer, and 5c for each Sunday-school scholar. After much discussion the resolution was withdrawn.

S. A. Hoblitzell was given the floor and requested that his name be transferred to the Superannuate list. The affection and appreciation of the Conference for Bro. Hoblitzell were tenderly voiced by J. B. Jones, W. M. Strayer, T. H. Lewis and H. C. Cushing. On motion of J. L. Mills, the request was referred to the Committee on Superannuates. (See Report H).

The report of the Special Committee on Our Church Home was read by the chairman, E. C. Makosky, stating that the Home was free of debt, and urging pastors to heartily co-operate in its maintenance. The report was adopted. (See Report D).

The order of the day from four o'clock until five, in the interest of Literature and Education arrived, and on motion was postponed ten minutes. T. H. Lewis moved that the remaining time be devoted to Literature, and that another time be selected for the speakers on Education. The motion prevailed.

W. S. Phillips introduced a resolution that the Conference adjourn at the close of the addresses, which was adopted.

J. W. Kirk was called to the chair. T. R. Woodford, Agent of the Baltimore Book Directory, was then introduced and addressed the Conference.

After some announcements, the Conference adjourned for the day with the benediction by B. P. Truitt.

Evening

A missionary meeting was held at night, presided over by J. W. Kirk. F. T. Benson offered prayer, A. N. Ward read the scripture and F. C. Klein made the address.

FOURTH DAY—Saturday

The morning worship was conducted by D. M. Dibble. The President called the Conference to order for business at 9:30. The minutes were read and approved.

At the request of brethren, delegates from Sussex, St. Michaels and St. John's were excused from further attendance, the delegate from Harrington till Monday, and the delegate from Liberty after Monday.

On motion of T. O. Crouse, the name of W. T. Ballard was substituted for that of H. C. Grimes on the roll as delegate from Georgetown, D. C.

H. C. Cushing requested to be excused from Conference after Sunday, and was granted the privilege. Louis Randall was excused from pulpit service Sunday. F. S. Cain was excused from Conference at his request, until Tuesday.

The roll of charges was not called, and the Secretary called the list of Standing and Special Committees for reports.

A letter from the delegate of West Baltimore station, inviting the Conference to hold its next session in that church, was read, and laid on the table for twenty-four hours according to rule.

T. H. Lewis called for the reading of the overture handed down by the General Conference with reference to union with the Primitive Methodist Church. The Secretary read the overture and conditions of the proposed union, and items 3 and 6 relative to the plan of appointing ministers, and the name of the united church, were discussed by the Conference.

The order of the day, the prayer service, was announced and the Conference suspended its business for fifteen minutes, T. O. Crouse bringing greetings from J. D. Cathell, Georgetown, D. C.

The Conference resumed business at 11:15 o'clock.

J. D. Kinzer moved that the Conference adjourn at 12:00 o'clock for the day, which prevailed.

On motion, the Conference suspended discussion of the Primitive Methodist overture and heard the report of the Faculty of Instruction. The report of the Faculty was read by the Secretary of the Faculty, recommending the ordination of E. H. Jones, F. P. Krauss, Clayborne Phillips, D. M. Dibble and R. L. Shipley, also the reception on trial of J. T. Bailey, N. C. Clough, Carroll Maddox, W. P. Roberts and W.

C. Stone. Students were advanced with gradings. T. P. Revelle was granted an unstationed relation and F. T. Benson and S. J. Smith were made members of the Faculty in places of J. J. Murray and W. S. Hammond resigned. The report of the Faculty was adopted by items and then as a whole. (Report F).

W. S. Phillips moved that the ordination exercises take place in connection with the services of Sunday morning in the Methodist Protestant Church. The motion prevailed.

On motion, those to be received on trial were called to the bar of Conference and welcomed by the President in a fitting exhortation.

A resolution authorizing the Church Extension Steward to borrow the deficiency necessary for the demands of the Society was adopted. (Resolution 6).

Delegates from Talbot, Cecil and Wye were excused from Conference session hereafter.

C. M. Compher requested to be excused from pulpit service Sunday, and the request was referred to the Committee on Pulpit Service. <1>

After announcements the Conference adjourned with the benediction by T. O. Crouse.

FIFTH DAY—Sunday

H. C. Cushing, Professor in the Westminster Theological Seminary, preached the Ordination Sermon, basing his thought on II. Timothy 4:2, 'Preach the word.' After the sermon the Secretary called the names of E. H. Jones, F. P. Krauss, Clayborne Phillips, D. M. Dibble and R. L. Shipley, candidates for ordination, who appeared at the altar of the church and were ordained to the office of Elder by President Little, assisted by S. B. Southerland, J. D. Kinzer, H. C. Cushing and W. S. Phillips.

In the afternoon the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the President, assisted by J. B. Jones, J. L. Mills, J. W. Balderston and B. W. Kindley. Following the communion, the Dead Roll was called by A. N. Ward. Abraham Downes Dick, who died October 23rd, 1904, was eulogized by H. C. Cushing, J. D. Kinzer, A. W. Mather and J. W. Gray. Charles Humphreys Littleton who died January 17th, 1905, was memorialized by J. D. Kinzer, H. C. Cushing, J. L. Mills, J. B. Jones and E. T. Read.

The sermon at night was preached by F. T. Benson, on "The Need of a Revival in the Church." The text was from Psalm 85:6 "Wilt thou not revive us again; that thy people may rejoice in thee."

SIXTH DAY—Monday

The devotional service was conducted by Clayborne Phillips, and at 9:30 the President called the Conference to order for business. The minutes were read and approved.

The name of W. C. Hunt, alternate, was placed on the roll as delegate from Mt. Tabor.

The Secretary called the list of Standing Committees. The Committee on Literature, W. J. Neepier, Chairman, submitted its report, expressing gratitude for the good showing of the Book Concern. (Report J).

T. O. Crouse submitted a partial report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations. Recommendation 1, granting the request of the Clarke Memorial Church for the loan of J. S. Bowers, was granted. Also the request of St. John's Independent Methodist Church for the loan of F. T. Benson was granted. The second recommendation that F. H. Lewis be loaned to the First Methodist Protestant Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., was laid on the table until Brother Lewis should be present.

The President called J. D. Kinzer to the chair.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance deploring the abuse of camp-meeting privileges, was read by Louis Randall and adopted. (Report R).

A. W. Matlier read the report of the Committee on Superannuates, which was laid on the table for twenty four hours, according to rule.

J. E. Nicholson was granted personal privilege and stated that the writing on his credentials had faded out, and requested that they be renewed. The requested was granted.

By common consent papers were referred to the Board of Finance and to the Committee on Church Extension.

The report of the Educational Steward, J. M. Dickey, was submitted, stating that \$1,727 was paid on the Seminary assessment, \$1,168 on the College assessment, and \$661 on the Ministerial Education Assessment. The report was adopted. (See Report P).

W. A. Melvin submitted his report as Foreign Missions Steward, showing that \$8,668 had been raised in the District this year for Foreign Missions. The report was adopted. (See Report Q).

G. M. Clayton, the General Home Missions Steward, submitted his report, that \$2,136 had been raised by the District for Home Missions. The report was adopted. (See Report Q).

N. O. Gibson, Bible and Tract Steward, read his report. \$352.65 was paid for Bible purposes, and \$345.25 to the Tract cause. The report was adopted. (See Report M).

The unfinished business of Saturday, the discussion of the General Conference overture, was taken from the table. During the discussion the order of the day at eleven o'clock arrived and the Conference sus-

pended for fifteen minutes for prayer and song. At 11:15 the discussion was resumed and continued to the time of adjournment. There was a motion to extend the time, but it did not prevail.

Revs. C. A. Hill, J. E. White and W. W. White of the M. E. Church were introduced to the Conference.

J. W. Hering offered a resolution authorizing the Secretary to extend to Wm. A. Crouse, a member of this Conference, the sympathy and affection of the Conference in the affliction of his wife. The resolution was adopted. (Resolution 7).

S B. Southerland and J. M. Holmes were at their request excused from attendance after to-day's session.

The Conference then took a recess with the benediction by J. M. Holmes.

Afternoon

The President called the Conference to order at 2:00 p. m.

The Primitive Methodist overture was again taken up. T. H. Lewis offered a substitute for the yes or no expression on the overture required by the General Conference, stating the sympathy of the Conference for the union but that the Conference was not prepared to vote at this session, and postponing action until more facts could be obtained. The President called J. D. Kinzer to the chair. The item of Dr. Lewis's paper referring to the sentiment for union in the Primitive Methodist Church was amended so as to read, "the Primitive Methodists do not seem enthusiastic for union." The substitute as amended was adopted. (Resolution 8).

On motion of J. M. Holmes the Conference gave way to a meeting of the Superannuate Fund Society.

The Conference resumed its business at three o'clock.

Dorsey Blake read the report of the Committee on Temperance. The report commended the good work done for temperance in Wicomico county, and recommended that five members of this Conference be appointed to serve with the state executive committee of the Anti-Saloon League, and five delegates to the Anti-Saloon League convention to be held at Indianapolis. The recommendation that Thursday night of next Conference be set apart for temperance was not concurred in because it was contrary to the rules of order. The report as amended was adopted. (Report L).

The report of the Committee on Education was submitted by J. W. Kirk. The recommendation that \$1,800 be levied on the District for the Seminary, that H. L. Elderdice be assigned as President, and that the pulpits be open for the claims of the Seminary, was adopted.

The Maryland Educational Endowment Society was granted the privilege of amending their constitution to cover the bequest of Dr. Drinkhouse.

The report rejoiced in the good work of Western Maryland College and urges pastors to co operate in the endowment of the College ; also that each minister preach a sermon during the year on "The Call of Young Men into the Ministry."

Immediately after the reading of the report, on motion of T. H. Lewis the Conference heard H. L. Elderdice in the interests of the Seminary, and J. W. Hering for the College. The report was adopted. (Report P.)

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations, laid over from the morning, was taken from the table and the item referring to the loan of F. H. Lewis was read. The item was adopted. (Report N).

J. W. Hering, with personal privilege, presented to S. B. Southerland a substantial appreciation of the affection of this Conference, which had been obtained through the efforts of J. E. Maloy. Dr. Southerland responded with affectionate gratitude.

C. P. Nowlin offered a resolution that the First M. P. Church of Pittsburg be requested to contribute to the Superannuate Fund of the Conference as an appreciation of the loan of F. H. Lewis. The resolution was adopted. (Resolution 9).

The invitation of the West Baltimore Station to hold the next annual session in that church was taken from the table and accepted.

T. H. Lewis offered a resolution that one of the rooms of the Conference building, 316 N. Charles St., Baltimore, be selected and set apart for the use of the Conference officers, and a place for the keeping of conference effects. The paper was adopted. (Resolution 10).

W. R. Graham for the Committee on Benevolent Agencies, reported the amount subscribed to the Bible and Tract Societies and the appointment of A. H. Green and C. R. Strausburg life directors of the societies respectively. The report was adopted. (Report M)

A resolution offered by J. D. Kinzer deploring the tendency of delegates to be excused from Conference, was read by the Secretary, and adopted. (Resolution 12).

At their request, W. A. Melvin, C. R. Strausburg, H. L. Elderdice, T. H. Lewis, and delegates from Deer Creek and Federalsburg were excused from further attendance.

E. S. Fooks, Church Extension Steward, reported that \$3,579 had been paid by the District, that \$419.67 had been borrowed and that all claims had been paid in full. The report was adopted (See Report G).

On motion of J. W. Kirk, the time for the sermon on "The Call of Young Men into the Ministry," recommended in the report of the Committee on Education, was fixed for some Sunday in November.

A resolution offered by J. M. Holmes, requesting the Faculty of Instruction to urge upon young men entering the Conference to abstain from manuscript preaching, was adopted. (Resolution 11).

J. E. Litsinger, Collector of the Church Extension dues, reported \$116.75 collected. The report was adopted and the collector discharged with the thanks of the Conference.

The report of the Special Committee on Co operating with the New Jersey Conference in Establishing Mission Work in Philadelphia, reported that nothing had been accomplished. The report was accepted and the Committee continued. (Report AA).

The Special Committee to Push Claim of Mt Olivet Church before Congress reports that Congress had granted \$3,400, and that \$2,700 would be paid over to the Mt. Olivet Church. The report was accepted and the committee discharged. (Report X).

The Special Committee on Fenwick Island Camp reported that no camp meeting had been held. The report was adopted. (Report Y).

The report of the Conference Steward showed \$26,481 raised for General Interests and \$218,948 for Local Interests during the year, an increase in total of \$10,473 over last year. The report was adopted. (See Financial Tables and Summary).

On motion, the Conference adjourned with benediction by J. L. Mills.

Evening

The meeting was in the interest of Ministerial Support, presided over by J. M. Gill. F. T. Benson was the speaker.

SEVENTH DAY—Tuesday

The leader for the devotional service was not present, and J. H. Straughn substituted.

At 9:30 the President called the Conference to order and the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Secretary called the list of Standing Committees for reports.

J. D. Kinzer was called to the chair.

The report of the Committee on Official Character was read by the Secretary. The report was taken up by items, and during the discussion Rev. Adam Stengle, Presiding-elder of the Wilmington Conference of the M. E. Church, was introduced. Item 1, stating no objection to the ministerial character of any member of the Conference, was adopted. Item 2, that many reports were defective, was adopted. Item 3, with reference to the necessity of incorporating church property, was adopted. Item 4, showing only seventy one pastors who

report assessments paid in full, was adopted. Item 5, stating that the rule for reporting even dollars had been disregarded by many, was adopted. Item 6, declaring the embarrassment of the work when assessments were not paid in full, was adopted.

The order of the day was announced at 11:00 o'clock. F. T. Benson stated the receipt of a telegram that J. J. Murray had deceased. The Conference went to prayer and song, and at 11:15 resumed business.

J. W. Hering made a motion, which prevailed, that from 3:30 to 4:00 o'clock this afternoon be set apart for a memorial service for Dr. Murray.

J. W. Kirk, at his request, was excused from the session of Conference by reason of a funeral.

E. A. Warfield, at his request, was granted a continuance of his relation, without appointment, for another year.

Consideration of the report of Committee on Official Character was resumed. Item 7, recommending that the Committee read, as a part of their report hereafter, an Honor Role of pastors who have collected their assessments in full, was amended by J. B. Jones, that "charges" be inserted. A second amendment by T. O. Crouse, that "pastors" be stricken out. J. B. Jones withdrew his amendment, leaving the amendment to read "charges."

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the benediction was pronounced by W. B. Judefind.

Afternoon

At 2:00 p. m. the Conference was called to order by J. D. Kinzer.

The report of the Committee on Official Character was taken up and the item referring to the Honor Roll was put, and adopted as amended. The report as a whole was adopted. (Report O).

The Committee on Church Extension submitted its report through B. P. Truitt, chairman. The report was called for by items. Recommendation 1, with reference to the sale of Waverly Church. S. B. Tredway moved to strike out the item. B. P. Truitt moved a substitute, that a committee of three be appointed to investigate the condition, and report next Conference.

The order of the day, the memorial service at 3:30 o'clock, having arrived, the President took the chair and read the following telegram from Miss Mary Murray: "Father died this morning. Will reach Baltimore Thursday morning." The affection and appreciation of the Conference were voiced by J. W. Hering, T. O. Crouse, S. B. Tredway, S. J. Smith and G. L. Straughn. The memorial service closed with the singing of "God be With You 'Till we Meet Again."

J. D. Kinzer was called to the chair, and the report of the Church Extension Committee was again taken up. B. P. Truitt offered a further amendment that in addition to the appointment of the committee, the President appoint a pastor to Waverly this year, if possible. The item was adopted. Recommendation 2, changing the name of Sussex, to Laurel Circuit, was adopted. Recommendation 3, that Kesley Chapel, of Chesapeake Charge, be left in the hands of the President to dispose of as he thought best, was stricken out.

The chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations interrupted to present Revs. G. L. Hardesty and Howard Davis, of the M. E. Church, and Dr. S. W. Reigart, of the Presbyterian Church.

The appropriations recommended by the Committee on Church Extension were adopted individually. A resolution as an amendment to the Committee's report, offered by W. C. Hunt, was read by the Secretary. J. H. Straughn moved that the whole matter be placed in the hands of the President. The motion prevailed. J. L. Nichols offered a further amendment concerning establishing work in Lewes, Delaware. The report as added to was adopted. (Report G).

F. T. Benson, chairman of the Committee on Christian Endeavor, read the report of that committee. On motion, the order of the day at 8:00 o'clock this evening was fixed for the consideration of the report.

The chairman appointed N. C. Clough, W. P. Roberts, A. H. Green and H. F. Wright as special ushers to reserve seats for the Conference at the evening session.

On motion of W. M. Strayer, the bar of the house was fixed for this evening at the fourth pew.

On motion of G. W. Haddaway, the President was requested to have the plan of appointments read simultaneously in the Presbyterian Church with the reading in this church.

The Conference then took a recess until 7:30 o'clock, with the benediction by W. S. Phillips

Evening

On motion of A. W. Mather, J. D. Kinzer took the chair and called the Conference to order at 7:30 o'clock.

A. W. Mather, for the Committee on Superannuates, took from the table, where it had laid the required time, the report of that committee, and it was adopted.

B. P. Truitt brought in an additional report for the Committee on Church Extension, not concurring with the request of Mt. Lebanon Church, on Montgomery Circuit, to be left unsupplied. (See Report G).

W. H. Litsinger read the report of the Committee on Missions, stating the great needs of the Board, and recommending that pastors

endeavor to raise the full assessment, and commending the work done by the missionary societies. The report was adopted. (Report Q).

J. M. Sheridan read the report of the Board of Finance, stating that the report of the Secretary and Agent of the President's Parsonage were correct, and recommending the following assessments: President's Salary, \$3,000; Home Missions, \$2,500; Ministerial Education, \$600, and Conference Incidental Expenses, \$474, recommending also that the President be requested to change the Board next year by dropping the first two ministers and laymen. The report was adopted. (Report E).

The order of the day was postponed to hear the report of Committee on Fraternal Relations, submitted by T. O. Crouse. The report voiced the appreciation of the Conference for the many courtesies extended, and was adopted with a rising vote.

The Christian Endeavor report was taken up. The report emphasized the conventions of Munice and Baltimore, and the Conference Union, and rejoiced in the good showing of our Maryland Conference Christian Endeavor, recommending a fuller report of the Endeavor statistics. The report was adopted. (Report T).

The Committee on Statistics reported through H. L. Schlincke, showing the present membership of the District to be 24,571, and giving other data of increase for the year. The report was adopted. (See Statistical Tables and Summary).

The Secretary read the appointment for next year of G. W. Haddaway, Committee on Transportation; H. L. Schlincke and W. P. Roberts, Committee on Statistics; To Confer and Act with New Jersey Conference in Establishing Mission Work in Philadelphia, F. T. Little and J. W. Trout; Conference Appointees on the Executive Committee of Maryland Conference C. E. Union, F. T. Little, *ex-officio*; T. O. Crouse, F. T. Benson, G. W. Haddaway, G. K. Mather, A. J. Dodd, Jr., and W. T. Ballard; Delegates to the National Convention of the Anti-Saloon League, J. W. Trout, J. L. Elderdice, D. W. Anstine, W. E. Shepperd and G. K. Mather; To Serve on the Executive Committee of the Maryland Anti-Saloon League, J. D. Kinzer, J. W. Kirk, F. T. Benson, J. H. Roberts and J. B. Thomas; On Advisability of Selling Waverly Church, J. D. Kinzer, N. T. Meginniss and T. A. Murray.

G. I. Humphreys, Collector of Annual Dues for Superannuate Fund Society, reported \$114 25 collected. The report was accepted with thanks.

The report of the Superannuate Fund Steward was read by the Secretary, showing total receipts of \$8,959.60. The report was adopted. (See Report H).

The report of the Agent of the General Conference Fund was read by the Secretary, showing a deficit. The President took the chair, and the names of charges deficient were called, giving an opportunity

for charges to respond. J. D. Kinzer offered an amendment to the report that the Conference expects the deficient charges to respond by June 1st. J. B. Jones amended so as to read "60 hours," which was lost. The original amendment was adopted. The report as amended was adopted. (Report CC).

A resolution by W. M. Strayer, that this Conference be not influenced by any one outside the regularly appointed delegate was adopted. (Resolution 14).

A resolution offered by J. L. Mills, that Item 13, of Rule I, of the Manual respecting the incorporation of churches, was adopted. (Resolution 15).

A resolution offered by W. S. Phillips with reference to a change in the statistical tables, was adopted.. (Resolution 13).

The Committee on Establishing Work in Lewes, Del., was appointed as follows: J. L. Nichols, N. O. Gibson, G. F. Faring, H. O. Keen, C. E. Dryden, G. J. Hooker.

The Secretary moved that E. H. VanDyke be reported, in the Plan of Appointments as heretofore, and the motion prevailed.

A. W. Mather moved that the Secretary convey the sympathy of the Conference to the family of J. J. Murray, and state the holding of memorial services, and the motion prevailed.

Henry Schafer, Collector for the Sexton, reported that he had collected \$25.00, and the report was accepted.

At this point the Minutes were read and approved

The President then read his Plan of Appointments, Edgar T. Read being despatched to the Presbyterian Church to read them at the same time, as requested by the Conference.

On motion, Conference adjourned with the doxology and benediction by the President.

Approved:

F. T. LITTLE,

President.



Secretary.

Reports

REPORT A

The President

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Maryland Annual Conference :

DEAR BRETHREN :—

At the opening of the seventy-seventh session of our annual assembly I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and power everlasting." Amen.

The year has brought to each of us its mingling of sunshine and shadow, joy and sorrow, triumphs and defeats, but through all we have been guided by a divine wisdom and a Father's loving hand, and are persuaded that the review will show abundant reasons in results accomplished why we should thank God and take courage for the future.

Not all of those who in some form responded to their names one year ago are with us today, and once again we are impressively reminded of our mortality as we announce the heading of the first department of this report in the word,

DEATHS

In the providence of God none in the active ranks of our ministry has died during the year, but two of our venerable, beloved, superannuated brethren have passed from the weariness and infirmities of age and earth to the rest and peace of heaven,

"Where fields of light and liquid ether flow,
Purged from the pond'rous dregs of earth below."

Rev. Abraham Downes Dick, died October 23rd, 1904. A gentle, true and

noble man of God, who served his generation by a loyal ministry, then sweetly fell asleep in Jesus.

Rev. Charles Humphreys Littleton died January 17th, 1905. A modest, retiring, deeply pious man. An earnest, faithful, spiritual minister of the Gospel for well nigh fifty-three years, he fell from our side to rise to his place among the Crowned Victors on the other side the veil.

The beloved wife of one of our ministers, and two widows, claimants on the Superannuate Fund, have also passed on to join the redeemed throng in that upper temple not made with hands, but eternal in the heavens.

Mrs. Rosalia C. Trout, wife of Rev. J. W. Trout, died November 5th, 1904.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lee, widow of Rev. Thomas Lee, died August 12th, 1904.

Mrs. Selina C. Norris, widow of the Rev. R. Scott Norris, and mother of our Rev. J. W. Norris, died January 7th, 1905.

Obituary committees were appointed in these cases and are now ready to report.

CHANGES

For reasons which were deemed sufficient Rev. E. E. Parsons was released from the pastorate of Campbell, May 12th, 1904.

April 18th, 1904, by consent of all parties concerned, Rev. W. B. Elliott was released from Felton Circuit.

April 28th, 1904, Rev. P. W. Crosby was released from Fairfax Circuit and appointed to Felton charge, and on May 15th, 1904, Rev. W. B. Elliott was assigned to the pastorate of Fairfax.

July 26th, 1904, I received a letter from Rev. A. A. Bichell stating he had taken work in another denomination, and would not preach any more in Keen Memorial Church, to which he had been appointed at the last Conference. August 1st, 1904, I gave him a letter setting forth the facts in the case. As he had not complied with his engagements to the Conference, and was still indebted (in a small amount) to the Board of Ministerial Education, the law prevented the giving of such a testimonial as he might otherwise have been entitled to. I recommend that his name be stricken from the roll.

September 1st, 1904, Rev. J. McLain Brown was released from Waverly and assigned to Keen Memorial, where his successful work speaks for itself, and Rev. Wm. M. Jett, an unstationed preacher of the West Baltimore Quarterly Conference was appointed in charge of Waverly, and has served there until the present time.

September 1st, 1904, on account of impaired health I released Rev. E. E. Parsons from Lawsonia, to which he had been appointed after his release from Campbell, and, at his own request, gave him a commendatory letter to the Pittsburg Annual Conference, within the bounds of which he is now laboring as pastor of Stahlstown charge.

Rev. H. O. Keen was then appointed pastor of Lawsonia to serve it in connection with his work at Mariners. This arrangement has continued until Conference

UNSUPPLIED CHARGES

With one exception all the charges left unsupplied at the last Conference have been supplied all the year. The exception is Campbell. Obstacles were placed in the way of the pastor appointed to this place by the Conference, and, at his own request, he was released in May last. To my subsequent offer of a student to serve the circuit during the vacation the charge made no response. Consequently I have not been able to supply the work with a regular pastor even for a part of the year. Rev. J. H. Straughn, pastor of Lynchburg, has given regular Sunday afternoon preaching to the Tyreanna appointment, and Brother Liggon, of the Virginia Conference, has given similar service to the Oak Grove church, while Rev. J. C. Poston, of the same Conference, has been ready at all times to give the same kind of service to the remaining appointments on the circuit.

June 18th, 1904, Brother C. M. Elderdice, of the seminary, was appointed associate pastor of Belair Circuit.

Fairview has been supplied by Brother J. H. Tuthill, of the seminary, and Lewistown by Brother G. W. Beck, of the same institution.

May 12th, 1904, Rev. W. W. Johnson, being duly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Dover Station, was appointed pastor of Georgetown, Del., Circuit, and has rendered most acceptable service in every respect on that field.

Oak Grove and Prince George have been served all the year by Rev. J. T. Bailey, an unstationed preacher of the Union Circuit Quarterly Conference. He has proven himself "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed," and has had large success in both fields of his indefatigable labor. Lauraville Mission, left in my hands by the last Conference, has been regularly served since the 1st of September by Brother L. B. Smith of the seminary. Prior to that date Brothers Coe and Meginniss placed the president and the Mission under obligations for efficient services rendered the charge. I desire here to especially express my appreciation of Rev. N. T. Meginniss' valuable aid both at Lauraville and Keen Memorial, during the brief time they were without pastors. Not only did he fill the pulpits most acceptably, but his good judgment and excellent business qualities were very valuable to me, and all was given most cheerfully, diligently and fraternally. I feel it is due him and myself that this statement should be made here.

BENEVOLENT AGENCIES

Mrs. T. A. Reese has throughout another year continued to lay her generous offerings upon the altar of the Church for pastoral support, and the general interests of the denomination. Surely the question of stewardship with her is one of deep and precious meaning, and her constant benefactions to our ministers and enterprises call for repeated expressions of grateful appreciation.

The Pipe Creek and Jefferson Benevolent Societies, and the St. John's Board of Beneficence, have also duplicated their liberal donations of previous years to our preachers and churches during the year, and thus have again placed

us under obligations for their timely aid. These references from year to year may often seem perfunctory, but the president puts into them a heart appreciation, which he feels assured is shared by every well informed minister and member in the district.

The Maryland Bible Society and the Maryland Tract Society are still effective agencies in the distribution of the Holy Scriptures and religious tracts, and in reaching the poor and needy of many sections of the territory included in our Conference boundaries. Though they have not yet entirely recovered the severe financial losses incident to the great fire of last year, they still have been able to meet all reasonable demands made upon them, and are prosecuting their benevolent work with intelligence and devotion to the duties imposed upon them. I believe they deserve and should have our hearty endorsement and co-operation in their work.

BEQUESTS

Only two persons who have passed from the church militant to the church triumphant during the year have aided our work by bequests. Mrs. Emma C. Penn, an aged, devoted member of South Baltimore Station, left certain irredeemable ground-rents to that church, which furnish an annual income of \$118, and would probably sell for \$2500.

Mr. John G. Clarke, of loved and honored memory, who for more than half a century was a prominent, intelligent, influential member of our denomination, and an official of East Baltimore Station, bequeathed to that church \$3000, to the Superannuate Fund Society of the Conference \$1000, and to Western Maryland College and our Church Home \$500 each. These bequests foot up the sum of \$7500. It is worthy of note in this connection that in the three years ending April 1st, 1905, the bequests from nine persons to the various interests of the Conference, and to local churches, foot up the grand total of \$45,600.00.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

As far as I have been able to judge from the reports made to me the number of these societies remains about the same as last reported, but with some slight increase in membership. The Conference Union at its convention in February, 1904, adopted the slogan, "A Thousand for Missions During the Ensuing Year." It was hoped this would prove such a stimulating call that every society in the Conference would vie with every other society in bringing it to an happy issue. I am not prepared to state the net result of this rallying-cry, but I have heard the slogan sounded so seldom during my visits to the churches that I fear the standard has not been reached.

These societies must not be allowed to degenerate into mere money-getting organizations. While they must be taught to give money and raise money for all proper purposes, they must not be made to feel that this is the chief end of their being and effort. Neither shall the mere perfunctory performance of certain

duties supposed to be enjoined by the pledge be accepted as a sufficient embodiment, or expression, of the Christian Endeavor Idea, but loyalty to the local church and the denomination and a genuine spiritual, consecrated, Christian manhood and womanhood must be emphasized as constituting the only true expression of that beautiful motto, "For Christ and the Church."

The adoption of the plan of bi-annual conventions by the Conference Union left us without such a gathering for the Conference year.

STATE OF THE CHURCH

Western Maryland College continues to hold its well earned place among the leading educational institutions of the State, while its beneficent influence upon the church spreads far beyond the Conference limits. We bespeak for its report the most careful consideration, and for its efforts to increase the endowment fund the especial endorsement and hearty co-operation of all our people.

Westminster Theological Seminary moves steadily forward in its splendid work of preparing young men for our ministry. The large number of students now enrolled suggests the need in the near future of larger buildings to accommodate the still larger number that will be knocking for admission to its sacred advantages. I again desire to express my high appreciation of the valuable and timely aid rendered me by the presidents of these respective institutions in the performance of the taxing duties devolving upon me as the president of the Conference.

Our Church Home is growing, not as rapidly as we would wish, perhaps, but still growing in the appreciation and affections of our people as furnishing a proper and beautiful way of caring for the needy old folks of our membership, in humble imitation of Him who was ever moved with compassion toward the poor and needy. More and more should we pastors call attention to its financial needs and glorify its benevolent work among our people in order to insure for it an income commensurate with the increasing demands made upon its management.

The Maryland and Washington and Alexandria Branches of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society have kept up their efficient labors in the great missionary department of our denomination. These workers and their work merit the hearty endorsement and practical co-operation of every pastor in the Conference.

The material proofs of the healthful state of the church are seen in the splendid new buildings which have been, and are being, added to our growing list of beautiful edifices. We name the new church at Fawn Grove, one of the most elaborate pieces of architecture of its size in the district, and which will soon be ready for dedication. The new church at Clayton, Del., a neat, handsome, harmonious building, finished and dedicated; the elegant white stone building, the chapel part of the new church at Clinton Hill, in Newark, N. J.; the new brick church, which is under roof, at Harrington, Del., and which, when completed, will be one of the handsomest structures of its size south of Wilmington; the neat, pretty new church built at Wye, in Queen Anne's county, Md., which will soon be ready for dedication, and the new church

built and dedicated at Union appointment on Pocomoke Circuit, with the new church at Beulah appointment on Fairfax Circuit, now about ready for dedication, while our people at Towson, Md., have purchased and paid for an eligibly located lot in the best section of the town and large enough for both church and parsonage buildings. The movement to erect a house of worship on this lot, I feel sure, will appeal to the Conference very strongly indeed, and secure for our deserving people of that important locality the largest possible financial aid. A new church is also being built at Montgomery Chapel appointment, on Kemp-town Circuit.

Extensive improvements have been made to the properties at New Hope appointment, on Pittsville Circuit; at Providence, on Union charge; Federalsburg; Atlantic, on Conquest; North Baltimore; Salem; Libertytown, on Liberty Circuit; and at St. Paul's and Mt. Olivet, on Fawn Grove, while improvements more or less extensive have also been made at Dover, Delmar and Franklin City.

Fine new parsonages have been completed at Laurel and Greenwood, and neat, comfortable homes for pastors have been provided at Odenton, for Nichols Memorial charge, and at Manboro for Amelia Circuit, while repairs and general improvements have been made to parsonages at several other points in the district.

These buildings and improvements involved an expenditure of \$64,913.45. North Carolina Avenue Church has paid \$1000 on its debt this year, Cumberland \$1000 and Broadway \$500. These annual payments are reducing the hitherto burdensome debts on these respective properties to a degree that makes us feel the beginnings of the joy of final deliverance.

These payments, together with all other payments on debts, reported to me on the return postal cards, foot up the handsome sum of \$21,724.42; making a grand total of expenditures for buildings and improvements, and for liquidation of debts during the year, of \$86,637.87, being \$13,589.00 in excess of the amounts reported for the same purposes last year.

While I am again obliged to state that not all the pastors have reported by the cards sent out at no little cost of time and money, by the president, I yet rejoice in being able to say, that as far as reports have been received they show that 2294 souls have been converted under our ministry during the year, and that 2268 accessions have been made to our membership. Behold what God has wrought.

Revivals have been quite general throughout the district with special manifestations of saving power at many points. The extremely rough weather of the winter, setting in unusually early as it did, closed some of these seasons of refreshing before we felt the full measure of results had been accomplished, but the spirit of expectancy, with fervent prayer and faith, for a mighty baptism of the Holy Spirit, which seem to be leading features in all evangelical churches at the present time, are seen and felt in our church also, and it does not require more than ordinary spiritual discernment for one to hear even now "the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees," presaging the speedy coming of the blessed day of God's appointment for the victory toward which we are all so ardently looking. Come, Lord Jesus; come quickly, and let at least the dawning of that day be seen by us here in our Annual Conference gathering.

It is my privilege again to report some increase in pastors' salaries. Including the nineteen charges reported at the last Conference, thirty places have increased pastors' salaries for this year, in amounts aggregating \$3,030,00. Nineteen additional charges have increased pastors' salaries for the ensuing year in an aggregate of \$2,050,00. In the three years closing with April 1st of the current year, ninety-four charges have increased pastors' salaries. Brethren, we have not yet reached the high point of attainment in this direction, but we are pressing earnestly toward the mark, and I believe it will not be long before thorough pastoral efficiency will be met in every instance with an adequate pastoral support.

I submit these proofs of the substantial growth of the church in the district, as seen in the number converted and added to the membership, in the moneys expended for buildings and improvements and in payment of debts, and last, but by no means least, in the steady advancement made in better pay for our pastors, with gratitude to Almighty God that He has accounted us worthy of such abundant blessings.

In the light of the facts here recorded I need scarcely detain you to add, the spiritual condition of the churches in the district, with some exceptions of course, is most gratifying. Alas that there should be exceptions! But there are. Places where the spiritual conditions distress the president, the pastor and a few at least of the members; where all the interests of the church are languishing and low. But we thank God they are comparatively few in number, and while we lament their unfavorable condition, and earnestly pray and work for their betterment, we still rejoice in that blessed, glorious uplifting which under God has come to the far larger number of the churches during the year, and which has enabled us to report such substantial progress in our divinely appointed work.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. I recommend that item 20 of Rule IV. be amended by striking out all after the word, "Secretary." Thus constituting the secretary alone the "Committee On Publication of Minutes." It seems to be the business of the secretary to do this work, and there is no good reason for dividing the responsibility.

2. That all other items of Rule IV., requiring it, be so amended as that all Standing Committees shall be composed of an equal number of ministers and laymen. That is to say, where there are now two ministers there shall be two laymen, etc.

3. That Rule XXVII.—section 2—be amended by striking out the words, "Including the Dead Roll," in the first line of section, and adding at end of section the words, "When the Dead Roll shall be read."

4. By adopting a recommendation of the Committee on Temperance the last Conference decided to have the temperance meeting on Thursday evening of the present session. This action was in conflict with Rule I. which devotes that evening of each session to a meeting in the interest of Literature and Education. I found myself somewhat embarrassed by this conflict of Conference

action. However, I settled it by standing by the Thursday evening temperance meeting. I, therefore, recommend that Friday afternoon of this Conference, from 4 to 5 o'clock, be set apart for the meeting in the interest of Literature and Education, and that the editor of the Methodist Protestant, with the publishing agent, and Drs. H. L. Elderdice and J. W. Hering represent the respective interests in addresses at that meeting.

In thus closing my third year as president of the Conference I am profoundly grateful to our heavenly Father for His great grace, mercy and protection given me in all my travel, toil and exposure, and to you, my brethren, for your uniform courtesy, sympathy and co-operation. I have done my best, not sparing myself in time, travel and expense to compass the work you gave me to do.

I have visited all the charges except Georgetown, D. C., West Baltimore and North Baltimore, and some places I have visited several times during the year.

Very truly yours,

F. T. LITTLE, *President.*

OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your Committee on President's Report submit the following:

We give thanks to Almighty God, the Great Head of the Church, for His continued favor and support vouchsafed us in our work during the year. We rejoice in the success that has crowned the labors of the year. New churches and parsonages have been erected, other church and parsonage property has been extensively improved, old debts have been cancelled—the amount expended for building and improvements and for liquidation of debts, aggregating \$86,637.87, being \$13,589.00 in excess of the amounts reported for the same purposes last year.

The churches have enjoyed general peace and prosperity through the district. Everywhere there have been marked manifestations of the Divine presence and favor, and in some places large accessions to our membership, with greatly increased spirituality among our people. We rejoice that through our ministry during the year nearly three thousand souls have been led from darkness into light and from the power of Satan unto God.

We are glad to know that there is an advance movement toward the better support of our ministry, as shown by the increased salaries of many of the charges. There is an inspiration to labor where there is hope of fair remuneration and a relief from anxious care, and we sincerely trust that it will not be long before thorough pastoral efficiency will be met in every instance with an adequate pastoral support.

We express our grateful appreciation of the generous offerings laid upon the altar of the church by Mrs. Tamsey A. Reese, also the liberal donations made to preachers and churches by the Pipe Creek and Jefferson Benevolent Societies and the St. John's Board of Beneficence.

John G. Clarke, of East Baltimore Church, and Mrs. Emma C. Penn, of South Baltimore Church, have been translated to the church above, but they are not, and cannot be forgotten. Though no longer with us in the flesh, by their noble bequests to the churches with which they were connected, and by our beloved Brother Clarke to the Superannuate Fund Society, to Our Church Home, and to the Western Maryland College, their influence, which was ever for good, is still felt among us, and their names will be held in loving memory.

We concur in these recommendations:

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We concur in the recommendation that the name of A. A. Bichell be stricken from the Conference Roll.

J. W. BALDERSTON, *Chairman.*

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS

<i>Charge</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Yrs</i>	<i>Charge</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Yrs</i>
Accomac.....	A. W. Mather	1	Federalburg.....	F. H. Mullineaux	1
Alexandria.....	J. H. S. Ewell	5	Felton.....	W. C. Stone	1
Alnutt Memorial.....	J. W. Kirk	5	Finksburg.	S. F. Cassen	2
Amelia.....	F. M. Clift	3	First Church.	B. P. Truitt	1
Baltimore.....	H. F. Wright	1	Fox Hill	To be supplied	
Bedford.....	A. H. Green	1	Franklin City.....	G. R. Donaldson	1
Belair	C. K. McCaslin	1	Frederick.....	G. J. Hill	5
Bethany.....	J. W. Norris	2	Georgetown, D. C.....	T. O. Crouse	2
Broadway.....	G. Q. Bacchus	2	Georgetown, Del.....	H. O. Keen	1
Brooklyn.....	J. B. Jones	2	Georgetown Cir	W. W. Johnson (sup'y)	1
Cambridge.....	Dorsey Blake	1	Greenwood.....	C. E. Dryden	2
Campbell.....	To be supplied		Grove.....	F. P. Krauss	1
Cannon.....	G. F. Farring	1	Hampden.....	D. W. Anstine	2
Caroline.....	H. S. Johnson	1	Harbeson.....	To be supplied	
Cecil.	J. F. Bryan	2	Harpers Ferry and Middle-		
Centreville.....	E. D. Stone	1	way.....	W. P. Roberts	1
Chesapeake	J. W. Parris	1	Harrington.....	N. O. Gibson	4
Chestertown.	D. L. Greenfield	5	Heathsville.....	J. F. Wooden	3
Chincoteague.....	E. H. Jones	2	Howard.	F. L. Schlinke	3
Christ Church.....	Clayborne Phillips	2	Hurlock.....	C. M. Zepp	2
Clayton.....	G. R. McCready	3	Indian River.....	J. E. Maloy	3
Clinton Hill.....	J. M. Dickey	1	Jefferson.	E. C. Makoskev	3
Concord.....	F. L. Stevens	1	Jones Memorial... ..	To be supplied	
Conquest.....	A. A. Harryman	3	Keen Memorial.....	J. McL. Brown	1
Crisfield.	W. S. Phillips	4	Kempton.....	J. A. Wright	4
Crumpton.....	E. O. Ewing	3	Kennedyville.....	R. S. Rowe	4
Cumberland.....	W. A. Melvin	5	Kent Island.....	T. H. Wright	1
G. D. Edmonston, supernumerary		5	Laurel.....	W. J. Neepier	2
Deer Creek.....	G. R. Hodge	4	Laurel Circuit.....	J. M. Yingling	3
Deer Park.....	To be supplied		Lauraville.....	L. B. Smith (supply)	1
Delmar	E. S. Fooks	2	Lawsonia.....	G. F. Norris	1
Delta.	G. I. Humphreys	1	Leeds.	To be supplied	
Denton.....	D. M. Dibble	1	Lewistown.....	E. L. Bunce (supply)	1
Dorchester.....	J. E. Nicholson	2	Liberty.....	C. M. Cullum	1
Dover and Leipsic.....	J. L. Nichols	2	Lynchburg.....	J. H. Straughn	2
East Baltimore.....	J. D. Kinzer	2	Mardela.....	E. P. Perry	3
Easton.....	W. R. Graham	4	Mariners.....	J. T. Lassell	1
Elizabeth.....	W. H. Litsinger	2	Marley.....	B. A. Bryan	1
Eutaw.....	S. W. Coe	2	Millville.....	W. B. Elliott	1
Evergreen.....	J. L. Straughn	1	Milton.....	G. J. Hooker	1
Fairfax	Carroll Maddox	1	Montgomery.....	N. C. Clough	1
Fairview.....	P. W. Crosby	1	Mt. Nebo.....	To be supplied	
Fawn Grove.....	L. A. Bennett	2	Mt. Tabor.	J. E. Litsinger	2

<i>Charge</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Yrs</i>	<i>Charge</i>	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Yrs</i>
Newark, N. J.....	J. W. Balderston	1	Waverly.....	To be supplied	
Newmarket.....	A. S. Beane	1	West Baltimore.....	J. M. Holmes	2
Nichols Memorial.....	C. E. Redeker	2	Westminster.....	L. F. Warner	4
North Baltimore.....	F. C. Klein	1	West Wilmington...	W. N. Sherwood	2
W. M. Poisal, supernumerary		2	Williamsport.....	To be supplied	
North Carolina Avenue...	A. N. Ward	7	Wilmington.....	C. R. Strausburg	1
David Wilson, supernumerary		9	Wye.....	B. F. Ruley	4
Oak Grove and Prince George					
.....	J. T. Bailey	1	SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS		
Oxford.....	W. M. Strayer	3	President of Western Maryland Col-		
Parksley.....	W. B. Judefind	6	lege.....	T. H. Lewis	20
Payson Street.....	C. M. Compher	1	President of Westminster Theologi-		
Patapsco.....	To be supplied		cal Seminary....	H. L. Elderdice	9
Pipe Creek.....	C. E. McCullough	4	Editor of <i>The Methodist Protest-</i>		
Pittsville.....	G. A. Morris	5	<i>ant</i>	F. T. Tagg	14
Pocomoke Circuit.....	F. J. Phillips	3	Agent of the Baltimore Book Con-		
Pocomoke City.....	G. M. Clayton	3	cern.....	T. R. Woodford	2
Potomac.....	J. W. Gray	4			
Powellville.....	G. H. Stocksdales	4	LOANED		
Quantico.....	C. J. Burdette (supply)	3	Loaned to the Board of Foreign Mis-		
Queen Anne.....	J. L. Elderdice	1	sions.....	E. H. Van Dyke	16
Reliance.....	Thomas Wheeler	4	Loaned to Clarke Memorial Church,		
Rhode Island Avenue.....	J. M. Gill	5	Baltimore.....	J. S. Bowers	15
Rowlandville.....	G. E. Brown	2	Loaned to St. John's Church, Balti-		
Salem.....	F. A. Holland	3	more.....	F. T. Benson	4
Salisbury.....	S. J. Smith	6	Loaned to First Church, Pittsburg,		
Seaford.....	B. W. Kindley	1	Pa.....	F. H. Lewis	1
Snow Hill.....	Avery Donovan	6			
South Baltimore.....	J. L. Mills	2	LEFT WITHOUT APPOINTMENT AT		
Starr.....	G. W. Haddaway	4	THEIR OWN REQUEST		
Stewartstown.....	Louis Randall	2	W. S. Hammond.....		5
St. James.....	J. M. Sheridan	3	C. S. Arnett.....		3
St. John's (Canton) J. R. Gaar (supply)		2	E. A. Warfield.....		2
St. Luke's.....	J. W. Trout	2			
St. Michael's.....	G. W. Hines	1	SUPERANNUATES		
Susquehanna.....	R. K. Lewis	1	S. B. Southerland.....		21
Talbot.....	H. E. Nelson	1	J. A. Weigand.....		17
Trinity.....	S. B. Tredway	2	W. J. D. Lucas.....		14
Union.....	H. W. D. Johnson	4	W. A. Crouse.....		13
Union Bridge.....	E. T. Read	4	H. C. Cushing... ..		11
Violetville.....	R. L. Shipley	3	J. G. Sullivan.....		6
Waltersville.....	J. L. Ward	3	V. D. Litsinger.....		2
Warwick.....	F. S. Cain	2	S. A. Hoblitzell.....		1
			G. L. Wolfe.....		1

OF AGENT OF PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE

*To The Maryland Annual Conference:**Credit*

1904.

April 6 By Balance as per Statement to Conference. \$ 373.61

Aug. 2 By Balance from Old Parsonage Fund transferred . . 71.80

1905.

Mch. 22 By Cash from President F. T. Little, \$689.41

Mch. 22 Summary for Repairs during the year paid by the
President, \$51.09, Aggregating 740.50 \$1185.91*Disbursements*

1904.

Aug. 2 Deposited with Baker, Watts & Co 445.00

1905.

Mch. 22 Vouchers handed in by the President. 51.09

Mch. 23 City Water Rent 8.64

Mch. 25 T. A. Murray Interest on \$5909.25 Mortgage. . . . 295.45

April 3 Deposited with Baker, Watts & Co 385.73 \$1185.91

Statement

Deposits in Baker, Watts & Co.'s Bank 830.73

Interest to Dec. 31st 1904 4.44

Total Funds belonging to President's Parsonage, . \$835.17

JARRETT N. GILBERT, *Agent.*

REPORT B

Of The Secretary

To The Maryland Annual Conference:

As Secretary of the Conference and Chairman of the Committee on Publication of Minutes, I respectfully report that I have discharged the duties of my office to the best of my ability.

The contract for printing the 1905 Minutes has been placed, and pursuant of request of the Board of Finance of our last session, provision has been made to have the figures used in Financial and Statistical Tables larger than those of the last two editions.

I submit herewith a recommendation and my financial statement, both of which should be referred to the Board of Finance:

Inasmuch as the Conference trunk, having been in use for twenty-five years, is dilapidated and inadequate for Conference needs, I recommend that the Secretary be authorized to have a new one made.

Receipts.

To Balance	\$58.96
From W. N. Sherwood, Conference Steward	328.25
Sale of Historical Records	4.05
Sale of Minutes	4.75
Advanced assessments from various charges	56.00
	\$452.01

Expenditures.

Bank of Crisfield, 6-mo. note of Oct. 12, 1903	90.00
Publishing and distributing 1800 copies Minutes	240.21
Expressage, sundry	2.70
Printing, sundry	10.90
Postage, stamped envelopes and postal cards	10.23
Credentials, Bibles, Licenses to Administer Ordinances	8.75
Binding Official Minutes, record book, etc.	5.39
Postage on pastors' blanks and envelopes	2.80
Supplies and stationery	3.15
	\$374.13
Amount in hand	77.88
	\$452.01

W. S. PHILLIPS, *Secretary.*

REPORT C

Of The Trustees Of The Maryland Annual Conference

DEAR BRETHREN:—

The Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church herewith submit their Annual Report.

Officers elected in accordance with the Charter, Rev. J. L. Mills, President; Daniel Baker, Esq., Treasurer; Thomas A. Murray, Secretary.

We record with profound sorrow the death of our esteemed friend and brother John G. Clarke, a member of the Board of Trustees since its organization. In accordance with the Charter, N. T. Meginniss has been elected by the Board to fill the vacancy, subject to the action of the Annual Conference at its present session.

The members of the Board are as follows, Rev. F. T. Little, Rev. S. J. Smith, J. H. Roberts and C. A. Benjamin, whose terms expire in 1905; Rev. J. D. Kinzer, Rev. A. W. Mather, Daniel Baker and N. T. Meginniss, whose terms expire in 1906; Rev. J. L. Mills, Rev. J. M. Sheridan, Rowland Watts and Thomas A. Murray, whose terms expire with the present session of the Conference, and whose successors should be elected by the Conference.

We submit herewith the Report of the Treasurer, and also Statements furnished to our Board by the Baltimore Book Directory relating to the purchase of the Property No. 316 N. Charles St., and of its Rent Account.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MILLS, *President.*T. A. MURRAY, *Secretary.*

OF THE TREASURER

Baltimore, March 8, 1905.

Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference in account with
Daniel Baker, Treasurer.

1904.		
April 1	Balance on hand	\$75.73
July 1,	Interest 91c., Dec. 31, Same 90c.	1.81
April 30,	Box rent	5.00
June 29,	Expenses Mr. Sheridan	1.50
Aug. 18,	Expenses Messrs. Mather, Sheridan & Smith	10.00
Sept. 23,	Corporation seal, minute book and Notary's Fee	3.53
1905.		
March 8,	Balance in hand	57.51
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		\$77.54 \$77.54

March 8, 1905—Account audited this day and found correct by Rev. Dr. J. D. Kinzer and Thomas A. Murray, Esq.

Vouchers herewith. Also statements herewith furnished by the Book Directory of the purchase and maintenance of property 316 N. Charles St.

Baltimore, March 8, 1905.

Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference, Trustee under Will of Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse, D. D., Account with Daniel Baker, Treasurer.

Principal Account.

April 29, 1904.	Rebate on Box Rent.	\$ 3.00
April 29, 1904.	Received checks from Executors.	7519.53
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		\$7522.53
July 1, 1904.	Invested by order of Board	7520.00
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March 8, 1905.	Balance cash in hand Principal Account. . . .	\$ 2.53

Income Account.

June 1, 1904 to Feb. 27, 1905	Income from all sources	\$1210.59
Jan. 14, 1905,	Paid Balto. City Tax Collector.	1.67
Mar. 8, 1905,	Paid Mrs. A. B. Drinkhouse per attached	
	Vouchers.	1208.92
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		\$1210.59 \$1210.59

I have filed Bond as Treasurer for \$10,000.00 of the Fidelity & Deposit Co. March 8, 1905 Rev. Dr. J. D. Kinzer and Thomas A. Murray, Esq. examined and audited my accounts and certified to their correctness.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL BAKER, *Treasurer.*

REPORT D

Our Church Home

OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

The Board of Managers of the Church Home, submits the following report of the Institution for the year ending April 1st, 1905. One death has occurred at the Home during the year, leaving five lady inmates in the institution at the present time.

Owing to the declining health of the Matron, Mrs. Josephine Baile, who has occupied the position with great acceptability since the Home opened in

1896, she was compelled during the year to relinquish the place. The Board was fortunate in securing, at once, the services of Miss Kate Murray, who fills the office of Matron, in a manner quite satisfactory to the Board, and seems to readily adapt herself to the duties of the position.

Several donations of money have been received during the year, which we wish to acknowledge in this report: From Mrs. Topham, of Washington, D. C., \$15.00; from Miss Sendorff, through Rev. J. M. Gill, \$5.00; from a Friend, through Rev. J. D. Kinzer, D. D., \$50.00.

Christmas boxes and barrels, containing most useful donations to the Home, were received from the following churches: Union Bridge, Congress Street, Washington, D. C.; Rhode Island Avenue, Washington, D. C.; North Baltimore, West Baltimore and Westminster. Also a quantity of tea from a lady in Washington, a bag of rice from a friend, through Rev. F. T. Tagg, D. D., and a nice supply of tomatoes from Mr. Bayley Bates of Baltimore. Also the sum of \$4.75 from Rev. H. L. Schlincke, for organ stool and repairs of organ. All these donations were highly appreciated at the Home.

We hope this method of sending supplies will, during the coming year, be generally adopted by all our churches. They will greatly help the Home.

A bequest, under the Will of our late lamented Brother, John G. Clarke, conveys to the Home, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, which we learn will be paid over by the Executors within a few weeks. With this bequest and the amount now in the treasury, we will be able to pay the note in the Westminster Savings Bank, and thus extinguish the last dollar of debt.

J. D. CATHELL, *President.*

F. T. TAGG, *Secretary.*

OF THE TREASURER

Cr.

Amount in hands of Treasurer, April, 1904	\$120.08
Amount received from entrance fees.	771.00
Amount received from Lady Managers.	355.00
	\$1246.08

Dr.

Amount of sundry expenses	\$155.84
Amount of loan to Lady Managers.	488.00
Amount in hands of Treasurer.	605.24
	\$1246.08
Amount due Westminster Savings Bank	\$950.00

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HERING, *Treasurer.*

OF THE LADY MANAGERS

Cr.

Amount in hands of Treasurer April 1904	\$ 74.43
Amount received at Conference, 1904	398.74
Amount received during the year	252.65
Amount borrowed from Permanent Fund.	485.00
Amount of private donations	20.00
	\$1230.82

Dr.

Expenses during the year.	\$738.00
Coal bill for 1903.	75.00
Amount paid Permanent Fund	355.00
Amount in hands of Treasurer	62.82
	\$1230.82

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. O. GRIMES, *President.*

OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The Special Committee to whom was submitted the report of "Our Church Home" are pleased to report:

1st. That it is and ever must be a great satisfaction to us as a denomination and as individual members that we have this splendid Home. It is one of the most beautiful charities in which the Church is engaged, and should call forth from our Conference a hearty, united, and generous support.

2nd. That we note with satisfaction the conservative and economical management of the institution; that this Home was able to do its splendid work on the expenditure of only \$738.00, ought to convince every one that it is controlled by those who have business capacity, such as should commend itself to the whole Conference District.

3rd. The method of donation of provisions and groceries commends itself to us, and we call attention to the plan in hope that it will stimulate others to imitate the splendid example of those who have so generously given.

4th. We suggest that the plan of devoting the collections, which is provided to be lifted on each Communion Service, when not used locally, should be devoted to "Our Church Home," and that special notice of the purpose of collection be made on Sundays previous to the Communion Sunday.

5th. We rejoice in the knowledge that the splendid Home is now free of debt, and that this Conference has now the opportunity of pressing to greater success this beautiful Christ-like charity. Therefore, we suggest that our pastors bring to the notice of our people this noble cause, that those whom God hath made stewards may in their stewardship remember "Our Church Home."

C. P. NOWLIN, *for the Committee.*

OF THE STEWARD

Steward of the fund for Our Church Home begs leave to make the following report :

The amount received in cash	\$403.36
Receipts	299.15
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Total	702.51
Increase over last year	\$28.00
37 charges paid nothing.	

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. BENNETT, *Steward.*

REPORT E
Of The Board Of Finance

We respectfully report as follows :

We have examined the report of the Secretary of the Conference with vouchers and found it correct.

We have also examined the report of the Agent of the President's Parsonage and found it correct as far as we are able to judge, not having the vouchers in our possession.

We recommend that the following assessments be made on the district :

President's Salary, \$3000.00; General Home Missions, \$2500.00; Ministerial Education, \$600.00; Conference Incidentals, \$475.00.

We have apportioned the various assessments on the charges as ordered by the Conference. We have carefully, patiently and sympathetically considered every appeal made to this Board by representatives from various charges for reduction, and deeply regret that in many instances we have not been able to comply with their earnest requests. We believe that relatively some charges are taxed beyond their ability, but we have been helpless in granting relief in as much as this Conference has made the assessments and imposed on us the duty of distributing the same. Where any increase has been made it is because of absolute necessity.

We recommend that in view of the peculiar duties of this Board, the President be requested to change the Board by dropping from year to year the first two ministers and laymen named on the Board.

J. M. SHERIDAN, *Chairman.*

REPORT F

Of The Faculty of Instruction

We report of the third year's class, that C. R. Strausburg having been previously ordained, has complied with his promise to pursue the course of study until it was completed, and is passed through the course. That E. H. Jones has completed the course of study and is recommended for ordination.

Of the second year's class, we report that D. M. Dibble, F. P. Krauss, G. J. Hooker, Clayborne Phillips and R. L. Shipley are passed into the third year's class. D. M. Dibble was given 100 in Greek and 100 in Hebrew. Clayborne Phillips was given 100 in Greek and 100 in Hebrew, R. L. Shipley was given 100 in thesis and 100 in Hebrew.

Of the first year's class, we report that G. E. Brown, F. M. Clift, W. B. Elliott, G. I. Humphreys, J. E. Litsinger and G. F. Norris are passed into the second year's class. G. I. Humphreys was given 100 in Greek and 100 in Hebrew. J. E. Litsinger was given 100 in Greek. B. A. Bryan is reported as a student at the Theological Seminary.

Of the preparatory class, we recommend John Thomas Bailey, Noah Casper Clough, Carroll Maddox, Winfred Poulson Roberts and Wilmot Colson Stone to be received on trial and they are passed into the first year's class.

We recommend for ordination D. M. Dibble, F. P. Krauss, Clayborne Phillips and R. L. Shipley, they each giving a pledge in open Conference to pursue the course of study until it is completed.

We recommend the renewal of the license to administer the ordinances be granted to B. A. Bryan, G. I. Humphreys, J. E. Litsinger, F. M. Clift, G. F. Norris and W. M. Jett, and that license to administer the ordinances be granted to W. B. Elliott, J. T. Bailey, N. C. Clough, W. P. Roberts, Eben N. Baldwin, Carroll Maddox and W. C. Stone.

The request of T. P. Revelle to be granted an unstationed relation, having been referred to us, we recommend that the request be granted.

We report that our venerable brethren Drs. J. J. Murray and W. S. Hammond have, because of physical infirmities, resigned from the faculty.

We recommend that Rev. F. T. Benson be elected to the position in the faculty held so long by his honored father, and that Dr. S. J. Smith be elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Hammond.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, *President.*

J. L. MILLS, *Secretary.*

REPORT G

Church Extension

OF THE COMMITTEE

The Church Extension Committee reports the following:

We have read with care the report of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society referred to us by the Conference, and recommend that a committee of three be appointed to consider the advisability of the sale or removal of Waverly Church, to report at next Conference, and that in the meantime the President supply the church with a pastor, if possible.

We recommend that the name of Sussex Charge be changed to Laurel Circuit.

We recommend that the President appoint a committee of not less than six ministers occupying charges nearest the town of Lewes, Delaware, to look after the work in that town, and use the best means possible to push forward the work of building a creditable church and the establishing of a permanent work.

A letter was referred to your committee, from Mt. Lebanon appointment on Montgomery Circuit, requesting that that church be left unsupplied by the pastor of that circuit for the ensuing year. This request cannot be granted, because the best interests of this circuit require all the appointments thereof to be regularly served with preaching by the pastor.

We recommend that \$4000.00 be assessed upon the District for Church Extension for the year 1905-6.

APPROPRIATIONS

We recommend the following appropriations:

Bethany, on salary	\$100
Broadway, on interest, provided they raise \$500 on debt.....	250
Cannon, on salary.....	50
Clinton Hill, on interest.....	500
Denton	100
Dover, on salary	50
Evergreen, on purchase of lot, provided they raise the remainder.....	100
Federalburg, on salary.. ..	200
Felton, provided they pay remainder of price on church lot.....	50
Fox Hill, on salary	25
Greenwood, on debt, \$300 in two equal installments, provided they raise remainder of amount due	150
Harrington, on new church.....	350
Keen Memorial, on debt to be used under direction of Board of Managers of the Conference Church Extension Society, and provided they raise \$300 on debt.....	200
Lynchburg.....	75

Lauraville, provided they raise remainder on church lot.....	200
Lawsonia, on salary.....	75
North Carolina Avenue, on interest.....	200
Payson Street, on ground rent.....	50
Pocomoke Circuit, on salary.....	75
Powellville, on salary.....	50
Quantico, on salary.....	100
Snow Hill, provided they raise \$750 on debt.....	250
St. Luke's, \$1,000 on new church enterprise, provided they proceed to build according to present plans, to be paid in three installments, this year	350
St. Michaels, on salary.....	25
Towson, on new church enterprise.....	200
West Wilmington, provided they raise \$200 on debt.....	75
Wye, on new church.....	75

B. P. TRUITT, *Chairman.*

APPLICATION BLANK FOR AID FROM CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY:

(To be used by charges applying for aid)

1. Name of charge.
2. Name of pastor
3. Name of delegate
4. Number of members
5. How many conversions during the year?
6. How many accessions during the year?
7. How many Sunday-school scholars?
8. Have you a Christian Endeavor Society?
9. What plan have you for raising money?
10. How long will you need aid?

OF THE BALTIMORE CITY CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

To The Maryland Annual Conference.

DEAR BRETHREN:

During the year just closed we have not engaged in any special effort for the payment of debts or the establishment of new enterprises. We have not been unmindful, however, of the importance of a constant watchfulness for opportunities for the extension of our work in this great city. A committee has been appointed and this matter is receiving attention. The year has not passed without leaving to us our share of anxiety and regret. Waverly, the only charge of this Society, has caused us much care and patient consideration. At an adjourned meeting of the Society, recently held, the entire field of missionary work was examined and the pastors gave to us full statements of the condition of these churches in and around Baltimore City. We did this, not

because we thought we had any jurisdiction in the matter, but because of our interest in the cause.

At the above mentioned meeting the condition of Waverly was carefully and thoroughly discussed. It is a long story and we cannot here record it, but after our prayerful meditation, we finally resolved to authorize the Board of Managers to take immediate steps to sell the property and hold the proceeds for investment for the benefit of some new enterprise. This action, however, was made subject to the will of this Conference, and we thus await your instruction.

We have no debts, but a small balance in the hands of our treasurer. We desire to record again our grateful thanks to Mrs. T. A. Reese and other noble women for valuable contributions and assistance. We await your instructions as your servants in the advancement of the Master's Kingdom.

J. S BOWERS, *President.*

OF THE STEWARD

Summary

Assessed on the District	\$4185.00
From assessment in the District.	\$3460.00
Received from Annual Dues.	110.00
	\$3570.00

Paid

Last year's loan and interest returned	282.43
Funds for distribution for this year's appropriations	3287.57
Borrowed to settle claims, including interest.	410.67
	\$3698.24

Appropriations for 1904-05.

Baltimore \$ 75	Lynchburg 100
Bethany 100	Montgomery 50
Broadway 250	Millville 100
Clinton Hill 500	N. C. Ave. 250
Christ Church 200	Nichols Memorial 100
Cumberland 100	Powellville 50
Crumpton 50	Pocomoke Circuit 75
Deer Creek 50	Quantico 100
Denton 150	St. Michaels 75
Dover 50	Seaford 100
Federalsburg 200	Snow Hill 250
First Church (Wash.) 100	W. Wilmington 100
Greenwood 200	Wye 100
Georgetown 100	Interest on loan 23.24
Keen Memorial 100	
	<hr/> \$3698.24

Per centum, 89-46-100.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. FOOKS, *Steward.*

REPORT H

Superannuates

OF THE COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Superannuates respectfully submits the following report:

1st. We recommend that \$4500.00 be assessed on the District for distribution next year.

2nd. Revs. A. D. Dick and C. H. Littleton, two of our Superannuates, having died during the past year, we recommend that their widows be granted a Superannuate relation.

3rd. We recommend that the request of Revs. S. A. Hoblitzell and G. L. Wolfe to be transferred to the list of Superannuates be granted.

4th. We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

APPROPRIATIONS

Rev. W. A. Crouse.....	\$200	Mrs. J. L. Killgore.....	\$200
“ H. C. Cushing.....	300	“ C. H. Littleton.....	200
“ S. A. Hoblitzell.....	400	“ W. F. Livingston.....	75
“ W. T. Litsinger	400	“ R. L. Lewis.....	275
“ W. J. D. Lucas.....	300	“ J. A. McFaden.....	150
“ S. B. Southerland	550	“ E. R. McGregor.....	75
“ J. G. Sullivan.....	250	“ A. D. Melvin.....	400
“ J. A. Weigand.....	300	“ C. B. Middleton.....	150
“ G. L. Wolfe.....	250	“ H. E. Miskimmon.....	100
Mrs. W. C. Ames	75	“ J. K. Nichols.....	125
“ D. Bowers		“ J. E. Read	100
“ B. F. Benson.....	250	“ John Roberts.....	225
“ J. W. Charlton.....	200	“ D. A. Shermer	75
“ C. T. Cochel	75	“ G. J. Smith	175
“ H. J. Day.....	150	“ C. M. Thompson	200
“ A. D. Dick.....	150	“ S. G. Valiant.....	125
“ W. T. Dumm	250	“ A. J. Walter.....	300
“ J. M. Elderdice.....	200	“ R. S. Williamson.....	250
“ J. H. Ellegood.....	125	“ P. L. Wilson	125
“ W. J. Floyd.....	175	Orphan children of Rev. T. E. Coul-	
“ S. T. Ferguson.....	200	bourn (to be paid to their legal	
“ D. N. Gilbert.....	150	representatives).....	300

5th. The fund paid last year \$99.32 on each \$100 appropriated.

A. W. MATHER, *Chairman.*

OF THE STEWARD

1904

Receipts

Oct. 10	Check from T. A. Murray, Treasurer.....	\$2101.75
Dec. 13	Check from Rev. Thomas Wheeler.....	24.00
Dec. 15	Check from T. A. Murray, Treasurer.....	25.00

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Jan. 10	Check from C. P. Nowlin..	47.00
Jan. 19	Check from T. A. Murray, Treasurer.....	50.00
Apr. 7	Cash from District	3440.00
Apr. 7	Check from T. A. Murray, Treasurer.....	3157.60
Apr. 11	Annual Dues for Investment.....	114.25

1904

Disbursements

Oct. 10	Checks to Claimants.....	\$2101.48
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1905

Apr. 6	Expenses Corresponding Secretary.....	1.75
Apr. 7	Expenses Steward.....	4.00
Apr. 8	Checks to Claimants.....	6738.07
Apr. 11	Check to T. A. Murray (Investment Fund).	114.25
Apr. 11	Balance .....	.05

8959.60 8959.60

Per centum paid, 99 32.

C. P. NOWLIN, *Steward*.

REPORT J

Literature

OF THE COMMITTEE

The report of the Baltimore Book Directory continues to evidence the business sagacity of those who conceived and consummated the purchase of the property at 316 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, Md.; the wise, pains-taking management of the Directors; the efficient, faithful services of the Editor and Agent, and the increasing interest of our people in the Book Concern.

In harmony with the splendid reports from every department of our Conference work, it is most gratifying to know the Baltimore Book Directory is keeping pace with the best.

The history of the Methodist Protestant Church discloses the power of literature in its organization, and if we are to continue to give trend to the

thought and conduct of Methodism, we must have and sustain our own Periodicals. The only discouraging note in the report of the Directory, is the intimation that some of the Sunday schools of our denomination in the Maryland District, are not using our Sabbath-school Helps.

In view of the character of the work and the price of the papers, as compared with others, if for no higher reason, this ought not to be so. We hope the pastors and delegates of such charges will upon their return from this Conference, give the Book Concern the benefit of their good offices in correcting this condition.

The fact that the merchandise sales have increased 59 1-3 per cent., and the merchantable stock on hand 205 per cent. over the figures of last year, is a good omen, and should quicken the entire church to the fullest possible patronage. We commend the changed system of accounting which will enable the Directory to show, at the close of the next fiscal year, just what each interest has earned.

The net revenue from the business during the year, of \$953.56, is a most excellent showing when we consider the difficulties incident to perfecting plans and increased expenses in operating the Concern.

"The Methodist Protestant"—our Denominational Organ—still lacks the support and patronage which its age, character and needs for efficiency demand. How long shall we thus have to write of this faithful, loyal, weekly messenger, which has gone into so many homes, comforted so many hearts, strengthened so many lives, and done so much to give tone and dignity to our Church? May we not expect each pastor and delegate to renew his diligence in the interest of this faithful exponent of our governmental principles, this fearless advocate of righteousness in every department of life, and urge the people to subscribe for the paper, till we shall know no such thing as a deficit in the balance account.

"The Handbook of the History, Polity and Doctrine of the Methodist Protestant Church," by Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D.; is opportune, clear, concise, and should have a wide circulation. "The Pastor's Convenient Record and Ritual," arranged and published by Rev. T. R. Woodford, meets a long-felt need among our ministers.

W. J. NEEPIER, *Chairman.*

OF THE BALTIMORE BOOK DIRECTORY

To The Maryland Annual Conference.

DEAR BRETHREN:

Recognizing your special interest in the Baltimore Book Concern, and guided by the custom of our predecessors in office, we most cheerfully submit herewith for your information, a General Income and Expense Statement, also an Exhibit of Resources and Liabilities, compiled from the books of the Concern at the close of business on February 28, 1905, and end of the fiscal year.

In presenting our report, we wish to explain that we have changed somewhat our system of accounting. Formerly the entire Salary Account, also other expenses, which properly belonged to the Sunday-school Periodicals and "Methodist Protestant", were charged against the general business, this had the effect of giving a credit to the two former accounts which belonged to the Book business. During the past year we have distributed the salaries, also some of the other expense items, referred to above, to their proper accounts. It is our purpose, beginning with March 1, to extend the system still further by charging each department with its entire legitimate expenses. This will enable us, at the close of the next fiscal year, to show just what our several interests have earned.

Referring to the Income Statement, you will observe that the net revenue from the business during the year amounts to \$953.56, in our judgment, a most excellent showing when we consider that the last twelve months were largely spent in perfecting plans, results from which can only be realized in the future; also that in establishing an independent business we have been compelled to employ an Agent, and incur other expenses to meet the requirements of the undertaking, which have increased the cost of operating.

It is gratifying to note that although the Book business has sustained the small loss of \$68.29 under the above stated conditions, nevertheless, through the efficient management of our painstaking and faithful Agent, the merchandise sales have been increased 59 1-3 per cent., and our merchantable stock on hand 205 per cent. over the figures of last year. With such a showing as this, it is reasonable to conclude that the Book business will yield us a fair revenue during the coming year—just how much will depend upon the support which the brethren of the Maryland District and others give to the enterprise.

While it is with considerable regret that we are compelled to report a loss of \$309.14 from the publication of the "Methodist Protestant," it is gratifying to note that the amount is a decrease from that sustained last year, an evidence that this interest has somewhat improved. We hope by special effort during the coming year to increase the advertising and extend the subscription list of the paper sufficiently to overcome the present shortage and show a fair profit from this very important branch of our business. Will not our brethren of the ministry and laity make it possible for us to do so?

In discussing the question how best to reduce the cost of producing the "Methodist Protestant," this thought impressed itself upon the Board,—that sooner or later the Book Concern must own its printing press, etc. The fact that we have floor space which is not likely to yield us any revenue, but which could be utilized for the purpose mentioned, makes the proposition an attractive one. Just when, however, if at all, to install such a plant, we think is a matter for very careful thought and deliberation.

The sales from our Sunday-school Periodicals during the year have more than held their own, yielding us a net profit of \$1330.99. Although a large portion of the territory in the Maryland District has already been covered, we

have reason to believe that still some of the Sunday schools of our denomination are not using our own literature. We call attention to this regrettable condition, hoping that all such will send us their orders at an early date. We make this appeal, based upon the fact that we believe our Sunday-school publications will compare favorably with all others, and that we are entitled to the patronage of our people, everything being equal.

We record with pleasure the fact that we have had the hearty co-operation of the Editor and Agent in directing the business of the Concern during the past year, and that the usual standard of efficiency and faithfulness have been fully maintained by both officers and employees in the execution of their respective duties.

In conclusion, we wish to express our high appreciation of the support which the Book Concern has received from the Maryland District, and other patronizing Conferences during the year, and request a continuation of the same. We also invite others of our friends to become our patrons, renewing our promise to furnish them with the best, and at prices which will compare favorably with all other houses.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. USILTON, *President.*

J. L. MILLS, *Secretary.*

OF THE BALTIMORE BOOK CONCERN

Statement of the Assets and Liabilities of the Concern as shown by its Books, at the close of Business February 28, 1905.

<i>Resources</i>		
Cash on hand and in Bank		\$ 1,018.92
Loan Accounts:		
Treasurer of Baltimore Book Directory in account with the Trustees of the Md. Annual Conference, bal- ance.....		\$4,905.73
Drinkhouse Memorial Room—Furnishings.....	135.28	
Historical Society Md. Annual Conference—Furnish- ings	17.50	
Book Concern Building—"The Rent Fund"—Advance.	92.73	5,151.24
U. S. Post Office—Special Deposit.....		50.00
Suspense Account—Methodist Protestant		110.00
Accrued Advertising—Methodist Protestant		399.51
Advance Order—account Sunday-School Periodicals		1,250.00
Furniture and Fixtures		755.65
Accounts Receivable.....		1,181.99
Stock Account:		
Merchandise—		
Lot of old electros..	\$ 100.00	
Drinkhouse History Plates	1,000.00	
Hymnal Plates.....	600.00	
Copies of Drinkhouse History.....	2,147.50	
	\$ 3,847.50	
Merchantable Stock	3,050.72	6,898.22
Paper—		
For Methodist Protestant		15.75 6,913.97
		<u>\$16,831.28</u>

Liabilities

Capital.....		\$12,982.42	
Advance Subscriptions:			
To Methodist Protestant	791.35		
To Sunday-School Periodicals.....	528.60	1,319.95	
Accrued Interest—on Mrs. T. A. Reese's donation.			
Due Mrs. T. A. Reese	90.73		
Due Maryland Annual Conference.....	545.91	636.64	
Accounts Payable		1,892.27	
			\$16,831.28

General Income and Expense Statement for the year ending February 28, 1905, as shown by the Books of the Concern.

<i>Loss</i>		<i>Gain</i>	
Methodist Protestant:		Methodist Protestant:	
Material.....	\$1,207.11	Sales	\$4,771.73
Composition, Press		Advertising	1,303.15
Work, etc.....	2,796.13		\$6,074.88
Engravings	72.83	Book Concern;	
Commissions.....	20.91	Merchandise Sales	4,833.84
	\$4,096.98	Int. and Exch.....	83.50
Merchandise Purchases:		Com's and Disc't's.	53.54
Book Concern.....	3,800.35		4,970.88
S. S. Periodicals ...	5,172.17	Sunday School Periodicals:	
	8,972.52	Sales	7,685.34
Postage, etc.:			
Methodist Prot't...	297.24		
S. S. Periodicals ...	239.50		
	536.74		
Mailing:			
S. S. Periodicals ...	45.59		
Expenses:			
Methodist Prot't....	91.18		
Book Concern.....	392.96		
S. S. Periodicals ...	45.73		
	529.87		
Stationery:			
Methodist Prot't...	43.04		
Book Concern	120.85		
S. S. Periodicals ...	60.54		
	224.43		
Salaries:			
Methodist Prot't...	1,743.00		
Book Concern	676.92		
S. S. Periodicals ...	782.08		
	3,202.00		
Traveling:			
Methodist Prot't...	95.63		
Book Concern	47.81		
	143.44		
Worthless Accounts:			
Methodist Prot't...	16.95		
Book Concern .....	.28		
S. S. Periodicals ...	8.74		
	25.97		
Net Income for year ending Feb. 28, 1905	953.56		
	\$18,731.10		\$18,731.10

REPORT K

Of The Committee On Sunday Schools

We believe the Sunday School to be one of the greatest factors in advancing the cause of Christ and in pushing forward all the enterprises of the church.

We are in hearty sympathy with the striking thoughts contained in the timely Conference Sermon of Rev. J. W. Balderston, especially that part bearing upon the training of youth, with the view of making them more obedient in home life, loyal to the church and good citizens of their country.

We are pleased with the improvements so recently made by the board of publication in our Sunday-school literature, and recommend the use of these publications in all our schools. We trust the "New Guide," a larger and improved weekly journal, may have a more extensive circulation among the youth of our church. The importance of vigilant care and watchfulness upon the part of the pastor in the winning of young life to the church cannot be too strongly emphasized, and with him there should be co-operation upon the part of the whole church to keep the new and young recruits in the fold of the good Shepherd, that they may become strong, intelligent and working Christians, thoroughly established in every good work. We give our most hearty endorsement of Dr. Lewis's little book, known as "The Polity of the Church" and a Catechism for Beginners."

We are impressed with the need of greater diligence upon the part of many of our teachers. Laxity in teaching the Word breeds inattentiveness and carelessness on the part of the scholars. Industry, thoroughness and regularity are absolutely essential in winning and saving the children to Christ and the Church.

We give our most hearty approval of the great Convention System, which is the "mother of Sunday-school methods."

In accord with the great Sunday-school Association Work of the world, we most earnestly recommend better teaching through and by teachers' meetings, teachers' training classes and such like preparatory courses for the equipment of men and women in this important department of church work.

We affirm our deep sympathy with the declaration of the "Religious Education Association,"—undenominational—held in the city of Philadelphia, March 2-4, 1904, that nothing can supercede the influence of high, consecrated personality in the training of the young. For best results, this high essential should be found with both parents and teachers.

We are glad to know that "The Maryland Sunday-School Union" has, this year, organized the city of Baltimore into an aggressive Sunday-School Association for modern Sunday-School Work.

We recommend that two or three special occasions be set apart during the year in all our Sunday schools, to be known as "Decision, Harvest or Ingather-

ing Days," preparatory to which earnest prayer should be made and special sermons preached, with every effort in personal work to make these occasions times of great joy in winning the children and youth for the Lord.

We give our most hearty endorsement—for our Sunday-school Libraries—of the book titled "Glimpses of Bible Lands," the Official Report by the Central Committee of the World's Fourth Sunday-School Convention, held last April under the shadow of the Cross and close by the garden of Calvary, in the "City of the King,"—a veritable Pentecost, and the greatest triumph of the Christian Church since the days of the apostles, and all in the interest of the children of the world. This beautiful book containing over two hundred illustrations of places and things seen by the New Crusaders of the 20th Century, in the Holy Land, may be had of Mr. W. N. Hartshorn, 120 Boylston St., Boston, Mass., one of the "World's Committee," and second to none in Sunday-school work and his love of children.

Special attention is called to the eleventh Triennial International Sunday-School Convention to be held in the city of Toronto, Canada, June 20-27th of the present year, for which the united prayers of this Conference are solicited.

F. H. MULLINEAUX, *Chairman.*

REPORT L

Of The Committee On Temperance

We are convinced from the individual practice of abstemiousness from alcoholic beverages, and from the expressed conviction of many of the best of American citizens as to the wisdom and necessity of the suppression of the drink evil, that there is already sufficient hostility to the liquor traffic to outlaw and destroy it if the existing sentiment were properly organized and directed. We believe the time has come to make practical application of the power generated by the agitation of the temperance question in such manner as will be felt in state and nation. The enemies of temperance reform have been able hitherto to laugh with scorn at the champions of reform, not because of their weakness, but because of the unorganized condition of their strength.

While something has been accomplished by the fidelity and perseverance of the comparative few who have dared to put forth their strength against the greatest enemy of Christian civilization, the sporadic cases of reform achieved do not seem to be commensurate with the power God has stored in Christian citizenship. It is time for a decisive outcome. The chord has been struck for the downfall of the walls of this iniquitous Jericho that stands as a menace to human happiness, and God's people must put forth the sword of his power for the destruction of its forces.

We hold, therefore:

That it is the duty of church members to live and teach those principles which mean the purity of the individual life, the sanctity of the home, and the unsullied power of the state.

That it is the sacred obligation of every Christian citizen to use his utmost of power, in voice, means, influence, example and franchise for the extinction of the legalized drink traffic, in country, state and nation.

We note with gratification the result of the reform movement undertaken by the good citizens of Wicomico county, of whom Dr. S. J. Smith was among the foremost and most active, in procuring and so far enforcing local option legislation for this city and county.

We are persuaded that the address of Hon. Volney B. Cushing, delivered before the Conference on Thursday evening, was well received and will be productive of good, and we recommend that Tuesday evening of next session be set apart for our annual temperance meeting, and that Mr. Daniel Baker and Dr. E. B. Fenby be appointed a committee to procure a speaker for the occasion.

We recommend that five members of this Conference be appointed to serve on the Executive Committee of the State Anti-Saloon League, and that five delegates be appointed to the National Convention of the League, to be held at Indianapolis.

We recommend that our pastors and people give heed to requests from Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, of the National Reform Bureau, and endeavor to aid that organization in its work.

J. W. TROUT, *Chairman.*

DORSEY BLAKE, *Secretary.*

REPORT M

Benevolent Agencies

OF THE COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Benevolent Agencies submits the following:

The total amount contributed to the Maryland and Delaware Bible Societies during the year is \$352.65. Of this amount two hundred dollars were given by Mrs. T. A. Reese, fifty dollars by St. John's Board of Beneficence and twenty dollars by Gen. Richard Thomas.

The annual offering to the Maryland Tract Society amounts to \$345.25, of which Mrs. T. A. Reese gave two hundred dollars, Clark Memorial Church fifty-one dollars, and ten dollars by Gen. Richard Thomas.

We commend these societies to the generosity of our churches and express the hope that the collections for them may be increased for the ensuing year.

We recommend as Life Director of the Maryland Bible Society, Rev. A. H. Green. We recommend as Life Director of the Maryland Tract Society, Rev. C. R. Strausburg.

W. R. GRAHAM, *Chairman.*

OF THE BIBLE AND TRACT STEWARD

	1905	1904	Increase.	Decrease.
Bible.....	\$352.65	\$434.86		\$82.21
Tract.....	345.25	161.95	183.30	
Total.....	697.90	596.81	101.09	

N. O. GIBSON, *Steward.*

REPORT N

Of The Committee On Fraternal Relations

We recommend that the requests of the Clark Memorial and St. John's Independent Methodist Churches for the loan, respectively, of Revs. J. S. Bowers and F. T. Benson to the pastorates of these churches for this year, be granted.

We recommend that the bequest of the First Methodist Protestant Church of Pittsburg, Pa., for the loan of Rev. F. H. Lewis to the pastorate of that church for this year, be granted.

It also becomes our pleasant duty to voice the grateful appreciation of this Conference for the gracious and graceful hospitality extended to this body by the church and the citizens of Salisbury. Our brother, Rev. S. J. Smith, D. D., the pastor, and the committee associated with him have been untiring in their attentions to our comfort. Every day has been marked by the thoughtful courtesies of our hosts, and we shall always cherish delightful recollections of the kindness we have received and of our most pleasant sojourn in this city.

We mention with appreciation also the courtesies we have received from the railroad and steamboat companies; the press of this city for its fair and accurate reports of our proceedings, and especially do we recognize the consideration accorded to our Conference by "The Evening Star," of Washington, D. C., and the Baltimore American, whose representatives have been with us during this session and given to their papers and readers exceptionally full record of business transacted.

We thank the choir of this church for its beautiful music; our laborious and faithful secretaries, stewards and postmaster for their most important service; and the janitor of this church for his attentive care for our comfort. We thank the firm of White & Leouard of this city for its generous provision of stationery for the use of the Conference.

Special acknowledgment is due to our Brother G. W. Haddaway, the committee on transportation, for his good offices in behalf of this Conference.

And last, but not least, we record our gratitude to the pastor and trustees of the Presbyterian Church for the use of their building for the meetings of committees.

T. O. CROUSE, *Chairman.*

REPORT O**Of The Committee On Official Character**

The Committee on Official Character submits the following report :

1st That no objection to the official character of any of the ministers has come to your committee.

2nd. We are sorry, however, to have to report again deficient and incorrect official reports. There has been improvement in this respect, but many of the reports are not perfect in form. We call attention to it that by these frequent reminders, we may reach the ideal.

3rd. We have carefully examined the personal reports of pastors. Many of them do not report at all in reference to subscription to the "Methodist Protestant." Some pastors report that trustees are not incorporated because "It is not deemed necessary, and churches do not want to be incorporated."

4th. We have carefully gone over the blanks for assessments and find that 71 only of the pastors have brought up the assessments in full.

5th. The Conference rule requiring that only dollars be reported has not been regarded. This is important for the convenience of the stewards and committee on publication of Minutes, besides the rule is a Conference Law.

6th. The deficiency in paying assessments is a serious matter, embarrassing many interests of the church. Deficiency weakens our arm of power in all aggressive work of the church, and produces a state of paralysis in many lines of work.

7th. We recommend that the Committee on Official Character hereafter read as part of their report an "Honor Roll" of the charges who pay their assessment in full.

J. D. KINZER, *Chairman.*

REPORT P**Education****OF THE COMMITTEE**

Your committee respectfully submits the following report concerning the important interests referred to us :

It is gratifying to learn that the student roll is the largest in the history of Westminster Theological Seminary. As showing the growing and widening influence of this institution, we call attention to the fact that no less than ten states are represented, viz: Delaware, Georgia, North Carolina, Illinois, New York, Virginia, Ohio, New Jersey, West Virginia and Maryland. It is thus shown that this "sphere of influence" extends from New York in the north to Georgia in the south, and from Maryland in the east to Illinois in the west.

Not only is the scholarship fund sustained by the Trinity and Henrietta Gibson investment, and the donations of former contributors, but also by the aid of new friends who have "entered the list for the first time." We trust that others will follow the example of those, who, in this way, are seeking to perpetuate this most important work of the church. We also trust that friends will be found, who by contributions of \$15.00 annually, may make it possible for the seminary authorities to carry out their desire to offer prizes in the departments of Systematic, Historical, Biblical and Practical Theology. In this connection, we call attention to the need of a good seminary library, and to the appeal to our ministers to contribute their surplus books.

It is with especial pleasure that we note the work of improvement during the year, in the purchase of ground adjoining the seminary, and that this addition of valuable real estate, as the result of the personal solicitation and energy of Dr. Elderdice, has been brought about without incurring a dollar of debt.

We recommend:

1. The usual assessment of \$1800.
2. The assignment of Hugh L. Elderdice as president.
3. Open pulpits for the claims of the Seminary, to be presented by the president and professors.

Rev. J. C. Berrien, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Ministerial Education, reports encouragingly regarding the present condition of its affairs. The number of young men receiving aid is larger than for several years, with the prospect of still others who will need help the last term of this college year. But there is still "great need, in all the Conferences, of more men who are both worthy and capable. The problem is, how to secure them." We call particular attention to this statement, because we regard it as most significant. Says Dr. Berrien: "Some years ago this and another Conferences designated a day for preaching upon this subject, and calling the church to earnest, definite prayer, that 'The Lord of harvests would send forth more laborers into his harvest.' That, and the year following were the years when the largest number of men came to our colleges to prepare for the ministry."

Your committee recommend that our ministers preach upon this subject, "Calling the Church to earnest definite prayer," and that some Sunday in November be selected for that purpose.

The report of the President of Western Maryland College shows, while it maintains its average enrollment of students, that there has been an elevation of the standard of college work, due to the fact that the lower preparatory classes have been abolished, until only two now remain. Improvements, aggregating twelve thousand dollars, (including the building of a new gymnasium) have been made, and provision made for the payment of the debt in five years, without "unusual strain" upon the college resources. We point with pride to our splendid college property consisting of twenty buildings and equipment, worth two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The mere statement that during the nineteen years of Dr. Lewis's presidency, there has been

an annual average expenditure for improvements of over eleven thousand dollars, or a total increase in value of two hundred and twenty thousand dollars, is, in itself, the highest tribute that could be paid to the executive ability, progressive spirit, wisdom, tireless industry and zeal of the honored head of Western Maryland College.

"Lest we forget," your committee feel that we cannot too strongly emphasize that part of the report which concerns the endowment fund. Over twelve thousand dollars are now invested, to which will soon be added, from this year's collection, and the legacy of John G. Clarke, about eighteen hundred dollars more. The imperative need of such an endowment cannot be doubted by those who thoughtfully consider the future possible conditions that might imperil the financial credit of a college dependent upon only its current receipts for meeting its current expenses. It is true that the work is growing, yet it is also true that increased expansion, while it brings increased expenses, does not bring a proportionate increase in resources.

That there may be no abatement, but rather, increased interest in the endowment fund, and as but few contributions may be expected from the princely gifts of the wealthy, but must come from those who love, and who seek to promote every denominational interest, we call upon our brethren of the ministry and laity to extend to Dr. Lewis their hearty co-operation in the carrying out of all the plans that he has formed for the success of the endowment movement.

The late Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse by his last will and testament bequeathed to the Maryland Educational Endowment Society of the Methodist Protestant Church of Baltimore City the sum of one thousand dollars, to be invested by said society, and the income arising from the investment to be paid to the Westminster Theological Seminary. We recommend, therefore, that the Board of Directors of the Maryland Educational Endowment Society be and they are hereby authorized and directed to amend Section VII. of the Constitution of said society, by adding the following to said section: "Except for the proceeds of the bequest of the late Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse, deceased, of \$1000, the income of which shall, in accordance with the will of the said deceased, be paid to the Westminster Theological Seminary."

J. W. KIRK, *Chairman.*

OF THE PRESIDENT OF WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE

To The Maryland Annual Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN:

For the nineteenth consecutive year I have the honor to submit the annual report of my labors as President of Western Maryland College.

1. The year has been a pleasant one in every respect. We were greeted at the opening with the largest number of boarding students we have ever had except in one year; and while the total enrollment for this year is not quite as large as it was last year, we have maintained the average. Year after year we have cut off the lower classes of our Preparatory School until now we have

but two. We have done this because of the increase of local high schools, and so as to confine ourselves more and more to strictly collegiate work. But while this elevates our standard, it decreases our roll somewhat, which yet we hope to overcome by increasing the attractiveness of the college to a better prepared body of students.

2. I ought not to omit the mention of the loss sustained by the college this year in the death of Mr. John G. Clarke, one of the charter trustees of the college. Mr. Clarke's long and intelligent service, his helpfulness while he lived and his remembrance of the college in his will are all of a piece, and the college will ever cherish his memory as one of its earliest and best friends.

3. The new gymnasium, which was in contemplation last year to take the place of the one which the school had outgrown, has been completed and is a most satisfactory addition to our equipment. This improvement, together with some others undertaken at the same time, cost about \$12,000. After applying what could be spared out of our current income for this purpose, we borrowed \$9000. To meet this debt we began the creation of a sinking fund which will extinguish the debt in five years without any unusual strain upon our resources.

This building increases the number of buildings on the college campus to twenty, a very goodly array. Those who have seen know what this statement signifies; but it is difficult for those who have not seen to comprehend the magnitude of the interests we have on College Hill. Perhaps it will be more impressive to give the statement in figures. We estimate then, and I believe the estimate a very conservative one, that we have in grounds, buildings and equipment, a value of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. This estimate is based on actual expenditures. In the last nineteen years there has passed through my hands, besides the annual expenditures for current operations, the sum of two hundred and twenty thousand dollars. This has been expended, and expended I think economically, for additional grounds, for buildings and for equipment; and I believe every dollar of this expenditure and more is now represented on College Hill. Our entire indebtedness is \$26,000, which is all provided for as I have before explained.

4. We are still cherishing the endowment idea and making some progress, although not as much as we hoped for, in realizing the idea in fact. We have now in that fund, \$12,204.69, to which we hope to add \$1300 from this year's Conference collection. Mr. John G. Clarke left the college \$500, which will be paid shortly and added to the fund, and we hope and expect to be able to make considerable additions to the fund by securing contributions of college bonds. But sooner or later we will have an endowment. We will have it because we must have it; and must have it because every expansion of the college makes the expenses greater without providing any considerable increase in our resources. I have no reason to think that the interest of the Conference in their part of this work has abated, and we are content for the present to ask for the continuance of the present assessment.

Respectfully submitted,

T H. LEWIS.

OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE WESTMINSTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

In submitting the twenty-third annual report of the Board of Governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary, we find much for which to thank God and take courage.

1. The student roll still grows. This year we have 25: Delaware 1, Georgia 1, North Carolina 1, Illinois 1, New York 1, Virginia 1, Ohio 2, New Jersey 4, West Virginia 4, and Maryland 9. Seven graduate May next—Arthur Evans, North Illinois Conference; John David Keith, Georgia Conference; John Hewlett Tuthill, New York Conference; William Lyall Morton and Thomas Henry Slater, New Jersey Conference; and Noah Casper Clough and Winfred Poulson Roberts, Maryland Conference. The student body promises soon to demand new dormitories. Who will build a Hall?

2. The course of special lectures has been continued. The aim is to bring the students into touch with successful ministers fresh from the field and to bring our ministers into touch with the Seminary. This year we have been favored by Dr. J. H. Clarke, Atlantic City, N. J., on "The Conduct of Public Worship;" Rev. C. H. Hubbell, Columbus, O., "The Pastor and the Christian Endeavor Society;" Prof. S. Simpson, Westminster, Md., "Science vs. Dogma;" Dr. C. F. Swift, Beaver Falls, Pa., "Elements of Success"; and from Maryland, Dr. J. D. Kinzer on "Technical and Practical Preaching;" Dr. F. T. Little on "The Church Needs Place-Makers not Place-Seekers;" Rev. C. P. Nowlin on "The Rural Pastor;" and Dr. F. T. Tagg on "The Minister's Message."

3. The Scholarship Fund is sustained by friends old and new. The Trinity Scholarship is perpetuated by a \$2,000, and the Henrietta Gibson Scholarship by a \$1,000 investment. The Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse Memorial Scholarship is continued by Mrs. A. B. Drinkhouse. Rev. William Dale, Mr. J. D. Baker and Mr. Caleb Freeland repeat their annual contributions of \$100—so does the Alumni Association. A Caroline Countian and Rhode Island Avenue Church enter the list for the first time. Sums less than \$100 are given annually by several persons.

4. The usual prizes have again been offered: Hebrew, Dr. J. W. Hering; Greek, Mr. E. O. Grimes; Thesis, Mr. J. Norman Wills; and Debate, Mrs. A. B. Drinkhouse. The Seminary authorities are anxious to offer prizes also in the departments of Systematic, Historical, Biblical and Practical Theology. Who will give \$15 annually for any one of these four prizes?

5. Additions to the library have been made by Dr. T. H. Lewis, Miss Mary C. Numsen, Mrs. Lease, Rev. F. H. Mullineaux and Rev. F. C. Klein. The library is far from our ideal and even from our actual need, yet constant donations are gradually bringing it up to a satisfactory standard. We appeal to our ministers to contribute their surplus books. Should these prove to be duplicates or not available for public use, they may be sold at a nominal price to poor students who may thereby begin a personal library, while the money will enable the library to secure modern and standard works.

6. The work of improvements has been active during the year. A barn has been built at a cost of \$231.78. A tract of ground—something less than 2 acres—has been bought for \$865.63. This land, facing Pennsylvania Avenue and joining on side and rear the Seminary property, was thrown into the market. The Board of Governors, fearing that if the ground should be sold in building lots our plant would be bottled up on the brow of the hill, facing objectionable houses and neighbors, resulting in nuisance and damage, ordered the purchase of the property. The President of the Seminary has collected the necessary funds and our Seminary is now not only safe from unsightly surroundings but richer in real estate—and all this without incurring a dollar of debt. The College and Seminary authorities have opened an avenue in front of the two institutions which will join another avenue to be cut through from Pennsylvania Avenue, thereby forming a road that will be of great convenience to our schools and at the same time afford a delightful drive for the public.

Thankful to the great Head of the Church for continued peace and prosperity and to our pastors and laymen for loyal support, we respectfully recommend:

- 1st. The usual assessment—\$1800.
- 2nd. The assignment of Hugh L. Elderdice as president.
- 3rd. Open pulpits for the claims of the Seminary, to be presented by the president and the professors.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

OF THE EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT SOCIETY

The Educational Endowment Society, as required by the charter, herewith submits its report to the Maryland Annual Conference.

We have secured from the estate of Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse one thousand dollars, which he wished to be known as the "Henrietta Gibson Fund;" the interest of which he directed to be used in the education of young men for the ministry, at Westminster Theological Seminary.

The money has been carefully invested, and the interest has been promptly paid to the Seminary. There has been no change in the relation of the society to Western Maryland College.

The old officers have been re-elected, and several other meetings have been held during the year.

J. D. KINZER, *President.*

OF THE EDUCATION STEWARD

Assessment for Seminary.....	\$1902.00
Paid.....	1727.00
Increase	59.00

Assessment for College.....	\$1418.00
Paid.....	1168.00
Decrease.....	142.00

Assessment for Ministerial Education.....	\$ 661.00
Paid	559.00
Decrease.....	15.00

Respectfully,

J. M. DICKEY, *Steward.*

REPORT Q

Missions

OF THE COMMITTEE

The Foreign Missionary operations of our church are at the critical point—critical, as to location. Every country in the world is open to Christian workers. The East offers a vast field of crying need. Japan stands at the doorway to these peoples. "As Japan goes, so goes the East," and Japan is about to become Christian, or not. The great war has rendered possible a demonstration of christianity which if made and followed up cannot fail to greatly impress that progressive people.

The work of Rev. U. G. Murphy, whose late return to his post in Japan we note with pleasure, has attracted the attention of the civilized world. We rejoice also, to know that Rev. E. I. Obee and wife have recently joined our missionary force as representatives of the Christian Endeavor Societies.

But these accessions are insufficient. There is an unprecedented demand for English in Japan. The College at Nagoya and the night school at Yokohama are becoming crowded with eager students. These facts, taken with others indicative of the people's unrest, enlarge greatly the opportunity for christian instruction.

And our work is at the critical point for lack of means to embrace these opportunities.

Rev. E. H. Van Dyke is home on an enforced leave, owing to sickness in his family. Mrs. J. W. Frank, after having suffered the loss of their child in this country is in such condition of health as to necessitate the return of her husband, and the depleted treasury allowed only one-third the regular appropriation to our missionaries at the time for the last remittance. The Board is greatly embarrassed in its effort to carry on work already begun.

We therefore recommend that an earnest effort be made to raise the assessment in full and to increase the Children's Day offerings beyond any amount even yet given.

The Children's Day program is now ready and can be had by application to Rev. T. J. Ogburn, West Lafayette, Ohio.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society continues its good work. Reports of the Washington and Alexandria and the Maryland Branches of this society are here given.

Rev. E. H. Van Dyke, a member of this Conference and for many years missionary under our board, having returned to America as above indicated, was provided for by the board for several months of the Conference year. He is now occupying a government position as Japanese interpreter in Vancouver, B. C., and it is expected that he will soon be available again for service in Japan.

The work of the Board of Home Missions is reported to be in good condition.

We acknowledge the substantial aid extended by this board to important interests within the bounds of our Conference, and call attention to the fact that the collections for this board were increased last year to the amount of \$236.00. We call attention to the growing needs of this work which has for its object the winning of America to Christ, and that adequate resources can be supplied only by the assessments being raised in full.

F. C. KLEIN, *Chairman.*

W. H. LITSINGER, *Secretary.*

OF THE MARYLAND BRANCH, W. F. M. S.

To The Maryland Annual Conference.

We present to you the following report for the year. We have not yet reached our aim of "Auxiliary at each station." While deploring the fact, we are not discouraged, but with increased energy, and determined to labor on, recognizing God as our leader, we most respectfully urge the members of the Conference to present to the women of their respective churches "the need of their co-operation in rallying to support the urgent demand for increased activity in Missionary work."

Number of Auxiliaries, 30; Membership, 450; Scholarships supported, 6; Bible Readers supported, 2; Young Women in training for Bible Reader supported, 1; Kindergarten Teacher supported, 1.

Total receipts to date, \$1066.00.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HENRY HUPFIELD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

April 3, 1905.

OF THE WASHINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA BRANCH, W. F. M. S.

Amount contributed to Foreign Missions.....	\$300.00
To Home Missions.....	10.00
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	\$310.00

March 31, 1905.

M. E. GOODS, *Treasurer.*

OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS STEWARD

Total for Assessments	\$2729.00	Increase over last year	\$ 81.00
“ Children’s Day.....	3007.00	Decrease “ “	88.00
“ W. F. M. S.....	1351.00	Increase “ “	412.00
“ Sunday School.....	115.00	Decrease “ “	122.00
“ Special.....	1466.00	Increase “ “	1188.00
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	\$9668.00		
Total Increase for year 1905	\$1471.00		

W. A. MELVIN, *Steward.*

OF THE STEWARD OF HOME MISSIONS

Assessed on District.....	\$2530
Amount paid	2136
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Deficit.....	\$ 394
Increase over last year.....	\$136

G. M. CLAYTON, *Steward.*

REPORT R

Of The Committee On Sabbath Observance

WHEREAS, God in His infinite goodness and tender mercy has appointed unto us a day of rest and worship, and

WHEREAS, worldly minded men by their individual and united efforts would rob this day of its sacredness by unrighteous traffic, therefore, be it

Resolved, 1st, That as a body of Christian ministers and laymen in Conference assembled, we condemn all efforts made to interfere with the proper observance of the day, and we hereby pledge ourselves at any and all times to co-operate with any and every movement, looking to the proper observance of the Lord’s day and the bringing to justice all who may be found guilty of violating the statute laws governing the proper observance of the Sabbath day.

Resolved, 2nd, That we condemn the so-called sacred concerts held in our city parks, as tending to the secularizing of this day in that it seriously affects the morals of the public and the work of the church.

Resolved 3rd, That we condemn the loose manner in which many camp-meetings are conducted on the Sabbath and that we again urge upon our pastors the rigid enforcement of Conference rules governing camp-meetings.

Resolved, 4th, That we require our pastors to emphasize and urge upon our people the proper observance of the Sabbath, and that the second Sabbath in May or as soon thereafter as possible, a special sermon be preached on Sabbath Observance in all our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS RANDALL, *Chairman*.

FRANK HOLLAND, *Secretary*.

REPORT S

Of The Committee On Credentials

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to submit the following report:

1. We have examined the credentials of the delegates from the various charges and find them correct.

2. We recommend that the name of Lewis T. Harmon be placed on the list of delegates, as the delegate from Indian River Mission, as his credentials failed to reach the Secretary of the Conference in time, through an inadvertence of the pastor.

J. L. STRAUGHN, *Chairman*.

REPORT T

Of The Committee On Christian Endeavor.

The Committee on Christian Endeavor begs leave to report as follows:

We sing a song of hope today and are glad. The statistical data returned to the Conference for the year just ended reveals the fact that there are 125 Y. P. S. C. E., with a membership of 4900; and that there are 63 Junior Societies reporting a membership of 2745. The total membership of the two departments give the magnificent showing of 188 societies with a membership of 7645. This means a net gain over last year of 1488 members.

The societies report 116 conversions, as due to their evangelistic zeal. Certainly these figures, if they rightly indicate the condition of the work, ought to be the cause of sincere congratulation.

CONVENTIONS

The present year will be notable as convention year. The Denominational Convention meets in Muncie, Ind., May 25-28. The officials of our Denominational Union promise an interesting and inspiring program and we hope that our Maryland Endeavorers will see to it that Maryland shall have a good representation at the convention. A large and enthusiastic convention at Muncie cannot fail to have a salutary effect in enlarging the influence of Endeavor in all our borders. It is the dear wish of the union that the interest in this convention will be sufficient to justify the employment of a Field Secretary for the denomination—a consummation devoutly to be wished.

The International Convention of the Christian Endeavor Societies meets this year in Baltimore. More than 200 of the most prominent speakers of the world are expected to be present and take some part in the exercises. Our young people will find this opportunity to mingle with the Endeavor hosts, coming as they will do from every part of the land, a peculiarly blessed and inspiring privilege. Your committee is sure the Conference will appreciate the fact that five of the seventeen who compose the main committee having in charge the arrangements for the convention, are members of our local societies in Baltimore.

Last, but we hope, by no means least, comes our Conference Convention. This will be held sometime in October or November—the exact date has not been determined upon. These conventions have been increasingly useful and inspiring. This one must be no exception. Every society within the bounds of the Conference ought to make an effort to be represented there. It is especially to be desired that our brethren of the ministry lend their presence to this convention. The “Forward Movement” indicated in the figures quoted above, ought to find its highest pulse in utilizing this convention as a starting point for an active, aggressive and successful campaign for larger things for “Christ and the Church.”

\$1,000 FOR MISSIONS

The definite work set before the societies of the Conference by the Conference Union, and endorsed by this body at its last session, was its raising of \$1000 for missions by the time of our next convention. We are more than pleased to report that the various societies have raised this Conference year on this proposition, \$748.75, almost doubling our former standard. This leaves but \$250 yet to be raised to realize the ideal set before us. This we think will be easily reached before the time set for the completion of the fund.

The suggestion has been made and has received favorable consideration, that the Endeavorers of the Conference could easily support a missionary in the foreign field without neglecting any specific work which now the pastors are exacting from them. We commend the proposition to the thoughtful consideration of this Conference. It may be that this is the one thing the societies need to sober them to a realization of the mighty potentialities bound up in such an aggregation of young life as they represent, and it is not unlikely that they, by undertaking this work, may find play for those powers in a way most in accord with the mind of Christ.

NEW SOCIETIES

There are now forty-five charges in the Conference reported in the minutes of last year as having no Christian Endeavor Society. The Maryland State Union sends your committee word that in Maryland we have 80 churches with Christian Endeavor Societies, 110 without them. We do not know where they obtain these figures. If they are accurate, it would seem that there were still room for the Endeavor propaganda in our midst. Is it too much to ask that each pastor of the Conference make an honest effort to organize societies if he shall be sent where there are none.

DISTRICT UNIONS

There is great need of a closer union of the forces in our Conference. It is therefore in the mind of the Executive Committee of the Conference Union to divide the societies of the Conference into districts to be presided over by a district president. By this means the union hopes to work with greater definiteness and intelligence. The committee asks this Conference to endorse the plan, if it seem wise, and that, if endorsed, the pastors lend a hearty co-operation in putting it into execution.

CONFERENCE BLANKS

The officers of the Denominational Union request respectfully that we include in our blanks the questions—"How much have you raised for Foreign Missions?" and "How many conversions in your society?" We recommend this change—We also recommend that the pastoral reports of the Christian Endeavor work be made accessible to the Executive Committee of the Conference Union, for the purpose of recording whatever data may be of use to the union in its work.

Respectfully submitted,

F. T. BENSON, *Chairman.*

REPORT U

Of The Committee On Transportation

Your Committee on Transportation, by the most courteous treatment of railroad officials, was enabled to secure very satisfactory rates to and from Conference, over the various systems operating within the bound of the Maryland District. The Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railway Company granted an especially low rate of less than one-half fare for the round trip from Baltimore to Salisbury.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HADDAWAY, *Committee.*

REPORT V**Of The Committee On Church Enterprises**

Your committee, to whom was referred the paper from St. Luke's Church of Philadelphia, has carefully considered this commendable enterprise, embodying the erection of a new, substantial house of worship in that large city, at an approximate cost of \$25,000, and we do hereby give it our hearty endorsement, and recommend that their request for an appropriation of \$1,000 be granted, payable in such installments as the Conference may decide.

D. W. ANSTINE, *Chairman.*

REPORT W**Of Special Committee On Publication Of J. L. Elderdice's Sermon**

The committee having in charge the publication of the sermon preached at the Conference last year by Rev. J. L. Elderdice, M. D., begs leave to report that \$18.00 was collected, and expended in the publication of the sermon. The postage was paid by Rev. H. L. Elderdice, and the sermons not subscribed for were placed in the hands of the author of the sermon.

F. T. TAGG, *Chairman.*

REPORT X**Of Special Committee To Push Claim Of Mt. Olivet Church Before Congress**

Your Committee to Push the Claim of Mount Olivet Church before Congress, begs to report that \$3400 were secured from the United States Government for church's claim for the use of the building during the Civil War; and that after expenses are paid the church will receive \$2700 in cash. The committee having completed its work, we recommend its discontinuance.

F. T. LITTLE, *Chairman.*

REPORT Y**Of Special Committee On Fenwick Island Camp**

Your Committee on Fenwick Island Camp reports that no camp was held there for reasons we could not control; but a camp-meeting in the interests of our work there was held at the "Sound," resulting in the organization of a new Methodist Protestant Church at Williamsville, Delaware, which organization is arranging to build a church.

F. T. LITTLE, *Chairman.*

REPORT Z**Of Special Committee To Devise New Pastor's Statistical Report Blank**

We recommend that the Conference Secretary and the Conference Statistician be authorized to re-arrange the Pastor's Report Blank, so that it will harmonize with the form in the Minutes.

H. L. ELDERDICE, *Chairman.*

REPORT AA**Of Special Committee To Confer And Act With N. J. Conf. In Mission Work In Philadelphia**

Your Committee to Confer and Act with the New Jersey Conference in Mission Work in Philadelphia, reports that no interests have been brought to our attention during the year; but we recommend the continuance of the committee.

F. T. LITTLE, *Chairman.*

REPORT BB

Of Special Committee To Formally Express Thanks To Dr. Lewis For His Gift Of Volumes

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of the gift of the records of the Methodist Protestant Church by Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., report:

1st. That we esteem the gift as of incalculable value to the church, embracing, as it does, not only the minutes of the Maryland Annual Conference from the beginning, but also in regular order and completeness every important step taken by our fathers in their effort to secure reforms in the government of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and failing in this, their subsequent action in organizing the Methodist Protestant Church. Together with these important records, the volumes also contain the minutes of all the General Conferences and Conventions from the origin of the church to and including the General Conference of 1904.

2nd. For this rare and valuable gift, we express our profound thanks to Dr. Lewis, the donor, and deeply appreciate the thoughtfulness and painstaking care which he has bestowed upon the preparation of these records and the beautiful and substantial manner in which he has had them bound for presentation to the Conference.

3rd. That the original paper read by Dr. Lewis in making presentation of these records be bound with the Minutes of the present session of the Conference for permanent preservation.

J. E. NICHOLSON, *Chairman.*

DR. T. H. LEWIS'S PRESENTATION ADDRESS OF RECORDS OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

I herewith present ten volumes which I desire to give to the Maryland Annual Conference. Five of them contain the Minutes of the Maryland Annual Conference from 1829 to 1904. One volume is the history of the Maryland Annual Conference, by J. T. Murray and T. H. Lewis. One volume is the Historical Record of the Maryland Annual Conference from 1829 to 1903, compiled by T. H. Lewis. Three volumes contain the Journal of the General Conference from the beginning to 1904.

It must be regarded as a reproach amongst us, I think, that we Methodist Protestants have taken so little account of our early records. Our fathers were prolific writers, and our cause was begun and prompted by the press more than by any other single agency. Yet the multitude of pamphlets and the contributions to the newspapers still lie scattered about, most of them unknown and all of them uncared for by us.

Even our official publications are preserved, if at all, only by the mercy of accident, or the pious devotion of individuals. Not only is there no authorized

place of deposit for such documents, but there is no officer made responsible for them in any real sense. The President and the Secretary of the General Conference are temporary officers, whose authority and duties cease with the session they serve, except as to mere clerical correspondence. The Secretary of the Maryland Conference "shall have charge of all papers belonging to the Conference and be accountable for them," our Manual declares. But it must be evident that according to his present facilities this charge cannot be an accumulating one. If he keeps the papers of one Conference until another meets, his "Trunk" will be full.

I have been interested in the historical documents of the Methodist Protestant Church for more than twenty years. While I was Secretary of the Maryland Conference I began to make a collection of the Minutes of that body. I hardly expected to succeed in making a complete collection, for I had never seen one and it was doubtful whether one was in existence. But I persisted in my search, and was rewarded in securing the last member of the collection only about a year ago. So there is at least one, and, I am fain to boast, only one complete file of any Annual Conference Minutes dating from 1829.

Volume 1 contains the Minutes from 1829 to 1858. Some of these are so rare as to make this volume unique. The Minutes of 1829 were never printed in pamphlet form, and the copy bound in this collection was cut from the columns of the Methodist Protestant by the late Rev. J. T. Ward, D.D., among whose effects I found it. It was a reprint of the Manuscript Minutes in the "Protestant" during the editorship of Doctor E. Yates Reese.

It is possible there are other copies of the Minutes of 1830, but they must be very scarce.

Of the Minutes of 1832 I have never seen any copy besides the one in this collection, and I think it extremely improbable another copy could be found. This copy was so worn and torn that it was only with the greatest difficulty it could be preserved for binding at all.

As Maryland dates from the beginning of the Church, being the first Conference to organize, except North Carolina, which was about three months earlier, it will be understood why I value this volume so highly. Its records are the records of our beginnings.

Volume 2 contains the Minutes from 1859 to 1877, a division which synchronizes with the separation and re-union of the two sections of the church.

Volume 3 contains the Minutes from 1878 to 1888, covering three General Conferences; volume 4, from 1889 to 1896; and volume 5, from 1897 to 1904, the latter two covering two General Conferences, which with our present size of Minutes makes the most convenient volume. The plan of binding the Annual Conference Minutes in accordance with the General Conference periods has obvious advantages.

The other two volumes of this collection which relate to the Maryland Conference require no further mention except to say that they seem to belong in a general way to the set and serve to make the record complete.

But I must ask indulgence a little farther to say something about the remaining volumes of this collection.

Valuable as I regard the collection of Minutes of the Maryland Conference, I yet feel that the three volumes which contain the Journal of the General Conference from the beginning to 1904 have a larger significance and value.

Volume 1 contains the proceedings of a number of assemblies preliminary to the Convention, at which the Church was organized, and the Journals of all the Conventions and Conferences up to and including that of 1858, which was the last General Conference before the withdrawal of the Northern and Western Conferences on account of the slavery question.

Volume 2 contains the Journals of the General Conferences from 1862 to 1874, which was the last General Conference before the re-union. It also includes the proceedings of all the General Conventions and Conferences held by the separating Conferences from 1858 to 1875.

Volume 3 contains the Journals of the General Conferences of the re-united Church from 1877 to 1904.

I take pride in this collection because it is complete; because it is rare, if not unique, and because it preserves in a dignified way the records which we ought not willingly to let perish. Whatever may be our fate, in the future, the past at least is secure.

But the chief interest of the whole collection clusters about the first Volume. This is so, not only because of the dignity with which time has consecrated the events of that period, and the undying interest which those who love the Church must always feel in the men and actions of that period but for another and more practical reason, that here we have gathered for the first time into one volume the authoritative and original history of the Methodist Protestant Church.

These documents are so interesting that, at the risk of being tedious, I must ask the privilege of giving a brief description of them. I will not undertake to do more than to give a sort of table of contents, but I trust I may succeed in so recovering the vitality of that old time that many may feel like reading the documents for themselves.

The first document in Volume 1 (our Genesis), is a little pamphlet containing the proceedings of the first general meeting that was ever held to take counsel upon the reform of the government of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The General Conference of that Church was held in Baltimore in 1824. Memorials from several localities were presented asking consideration of the right of laymen to be represented in the Conference, which were all rejected. Upon this decision, on the 21st of May, while the General Conference was still in session, this meeting of reformers was called. Two great movements were inaugurated at this meeting. First, a periodical was instituted entitled "The Mutual Rights of the Ministers and Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church." Second, it was decided to raise societies in all parts of the United States "to disseminate the principles of a well-balanced church government."

Results proved both these to be epoch-making movements. It was for reading the Mutual Rights and for belonging to a Union Society that men were expelled from the M. E. Church, and were thus compelled to organize a new church. So it seems quite proper to call the proceedings of this meeting the

Journal of our First General Conference. This pamphlet was circulated extensively. In addition to the Minutes of the meeting, it contains the circular of the General Conference in full, but without note or comment. In this circular occur the words which became famous and are still quoted, "Pardon us if we know no such rights, if we comprehend no such privileges." The reformers thought no better reform literature could be given Methodists than deliverances like this.

The next document is entitled "The Constitution of the Union Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the City of Baltimore," and is given a place here because this was the first Union Society organized, because it took the lead in all measures leading to the organization of the new church, and because it became responsible for the publication of the Mutual Rights, without which no new church would have been organized.

On the 7th of March, 1826, this Society held a meeting at which it was resolved to call a Convention of reformers in Maryland and to recommend other States to hold similar conventions to elect delegates to meet in General Convention at a time and place to be agreed upon. Hence the proceedings of this meeting are included.

The Maryland Convention of Reformers met in Baltimore in November, 1826. This Convention recommended a General Convention, and appointed a Committee to issue the call for one when time and place could be fixed. Hence the proceedings of this Convention are included.

The call for a General Convention of Reformers to meet in Baltimore in November, 1827, issued by the Committee appointed by the Maryland Convention is next given.

Then, all these preliminaries completed, appears the first publication in which Reform as a united whole stands before Methodism. It is entitled, "Proceedings of the General Convention of Delegates from the Members and local preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church friendly to reform. Assembled in the First English Lutheran" (because there was no room for them in any Methodist) "Church in the City of Baltimore, November 15th, 1827." Five Thousand copies of this document were printed. The great business of this Convention was to draw up a Memorial which should present to the next General Conference the united views and petitions of reformers. Besides the proceedings of the daily sessions, the Memorial is printed in full, an address to the public explaining the aims and convictions of reformers, and a report on the church trials of those who had been expelled.

Following the proceedings of the first great Convention, I have included a copy of the reply formulated by Bishop Emory and adopted by the General Conference of 1828 to the Memorial of the Reformers. This is not given in full in any of our histories, and I found a copy of it only after a long search. It is inserted as a part of the full history of the case, and besides it is a most interesting document. It is the full and deliberate rejoinder of the authorities to the petitions and arguments of the reformers. Herein is contained that notable declaration of absolutism raised to its divine-right power, the like of which, it may be safely said, can be found in no other printed or written page:

"The great Head of the Church himself has imposed on us the duty of preaching the gospel, of administering its ordinances, and of maintaining its moral discipline among those over whom the Holy Ghost, in these respects, has made us overseers," and more to the same effect.

This reply of the General Conference closed the debate. Henceforth the church dealt only in expulsions, and reformers also proceeded to act. Accordingly the Committee appointed by the Convention of 1827, issued on the 21st of July, 1828, a call for a General Convention to be held in Baltimore in the following November, which is the next paper inserted.

The Convention that met in St. John's Church, Baltimore, on the 12th of November, 1828, continued in session until the 22nd. The Reformers here organized under the name of "The Associated Methodist Churches," appointed a committee to prepare a Constitution and Discipline, and called another Convention to meet in Baltimore in November, 1830. The proceedings of this Convention were never published in pamphlet form, and they have been put together in this volume from various sources. Whatever portions were published in the Mutual Rights have been copied from that source; portions have been found in old histories of the church, and some portions have been copied from the manuscript Minutes, although even the original of these is not in existence.

It is the same with the Journal of the Convention of 1830. Strangely enough the proceedings of that notable assembly, where the Constitution was adopted and the Church named, were never published in full, nor in any connected form; only a few extracts in the "Methodist Protestant." I have tried to piece these out by copying the manuscript copy of the original Minutes which have been lost, so as to present a connected narrative of what was done. And I must ask special attention to what is inserted from the manuscript copy of the Journal relative to the adoption of the Articles of Religion. Dr. Drinkhouse calls it a moot question in his History, whether the Articles were ever adopted. I think the reading of these Minutes disposes of that "moot."

The "Methodist Protestant" was as large a paper then as now, and contained more reading matter. How one wishes it had seemed good to the editors to leave out some of the sermons, long theological articles and copious extracts from impossible historical and scientific books to give a full account of this Convention!

The Journals of 1842 and 1846 were never printed in pamphlet form. I presume this was because it was feared the further agitation of the slavery question with which both Conventions were filled might work harm. However, I was fortunate enough to discover two old papers containing full accounts of these Conferences. To the first account I added a verbatim report of the address on the slavery question delivered to the Conference by Rev. Nicholas Snethen on invitation of the Conference. The report was made by Doctor E. Yates Reese.

Volume 2, which we must denominate our Exodus on account of the melancholy history of the agitation and final disruption of the Church over slavery, contains the Journals of the General Conference from 1862 to 1874, of

both sections of the Church. The General Conference for 1862 could not be held on account of the Civil War, the representatives from Maryland being the only representatives in attendance. A president was elected, and the Conference adjourned subject to the call of the president. The adjourned meeting was held in 1865, but nothing was done except passing a few resolutions. No Minutes of these meetings were published in pamphlet form, but a full account appeared in the "Methodist Protestant" and were copied for this volume.

The proceedings of the Northern and Western Conferences, from the Convention held in 1858 to the General Conference in 1875, are all collected in this volume, and the history of the time may thus be studied in the original.

Volume 3, covers the period of re-union, and the Journals for the period were all accessible in pamphlet form.

And thus the eighty years of conviction, of struggle and of achievement are covered without a missing line. Every record of every general meeting, from the first held in McCaine's school room in Baltimore in 1824, to the last held in Washington City in one of its handsomest churches in 1904, is preserved in these volumes.

May they prove as much of an inspiration to those who may consult them as they have been to him who has collected them! May they never be stolen, or lost or burned!

And may the Methodist Protestant Church continue to enjoy the favor of the same Providence that brought it into existence until its future records shall fill another series of volumes greater than these!

REPORT CC

OF THE FUND FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE EXPENSES

<i>Received</i>		
Accomac	\$3 00	Chesapeake
Alexandria	2 50	Chestertown.....
Alnutt Memorial	8 27	Chincoteague.....
Amelia.....	2 50	Christ Church
Baltimore	2 75	Clayton
Bedford		Clinton Hill.....
Belair		Concord.....
Bethany		Conquest.....
Broadway	3 13	Crisfield.....
Brooklyn.....	2 50	Crumpton
Cambridge	4 50	Cumberland
Campbell.....		Deer Creek.....
Caroline		Deer Park.
Cecil.....	2 50	Delmar.....
Centreville	2 50	Delta
		Denton.....

Dorchester	3 00	Mt. Nebo.....	
Dover	1 25	Mt. Tabor.....	2 75
East Baltimore	6 00	Newark	8 15
Easton	5 65	New Market.....	3 75
Elizabeth	6 00	Nichols Memorial.....	1 50
Eutaw	2 75	North Baltimore.....	
Evergreen.....	1 25	North Carolina Avenue	
Fairfax		Oak Grove	
Fawn Grove.....	3 25	Oxford.....	3 50
Fairview		Parksley	2 50
Federalsburg	63	Payson Street	1 50
Felton	2 50	Pipe Creek.....	2 75
Finksburg	3 13	Pittsville.....	
First Church	3 15	Pocomoke City	6 00
Fox Hill		Pocomoke Circuit	
Franklin City	3 00	Potomac	2 50
Frederick	3 00	Powellville.....	1 50
Georgetown, D. C.....	7 00	Prince George.....	
Georgetown, Del		Quantico.....	2 50
Georgetown Circuit.....		Queen Anne	1 88
Greenwood.....	2 75	Reliance	2 00
Grove		Rhode Island Avenue.....	10 00
Hampden	4 00	Rowlandville.....	1 88
Harbeson	1 25	Salisbury.....	3 25
Harpers Ferry		Salem.....	1 25
Harrington.....	3 15	Seaford	3 15
Heathsville.....	3 00	Snow Hill.....	3 25
Howard	2 75	South Baltimore	3 00
Hurlock.....		Starr.....	8 25
Indian River	75	Stewartstown.....	2 75
Jefferson	7 00	St. James.....	3 75
Keen Memorial	1 50	St. Johns (Canton)	
Kemptown	2 50	St. Lukes	3 12
Kennedyville.....	2 25	St. Michaels	2 25
Kent Island	6 00	Susquehanna	3 75
Laurel	5 00	Sussex	3 00
Lawsonia.....	1 00	Talbot	
Leeds	2 50	Trinity.....	4 00
Leipsic	1 25	Union.....	3 75
Lewistown		Union Bridge.....	2 50
Liberty.....	2 50	Violetville.....	1 00
Lisbon	3 25	Waltersville	2 00
Lynchburg	3 15	Warwick	2 50
Mardela	1 50	Waverly.....	
Mariners		West Baltimore.....	8 12
Marley.....		Westminster	7 00
Middleway		West Wilmington	1 25
Millville		Williamsport	
Milton	2 00	Wilmington	
Montgomery		Wye	1 50

Resolved, That the charges which did not pay the assessments for General Conference Expenses are requested by the Conference to pay the assessment by the first of June, 1905.

Resolutions

Resolution 1

Prayer Services.

In this age of strenuous commercialism and gigantic combinations of worldly interests, it is with profound gratitude we have heard of the gracious manifestations of the Holy Ghost in Wales, and in some parts of England, and America—in fact throughout the world. We greatly rejoice that the spiritual forces, in many quarters, seem to be combining and rallying to one idea: the wonderful fruitage wrought out in the quickening of the church by the salvation of multitudes of souls. The world has been forced to contemplate the mighty movements of the Holy Ghost and seems to be, just now, in serious mood. Believing that Providence is planning and timing a general forward movement, we acknowledge it to be our privilege in Conference assembled to take immediate advantage of this blessed condition and of the hopeful feeling, which is daily growing, that we quicken our pace and arouse our energies for a great and general revival of pure and undefiled religion throughout our borders.

We deplore the fact that in some of our churches the members are seemingly thwarting the Holy Ghost in the salvation of the people by a withering formalism, secular conventionalities and by social gaieties or customs, such as Euchre Parties and other questionable amusements, and we need to cry mightily unto God to save the Church from worldliness. We believe we must follow the teachings of early Methodism concerning these diversions before we can expect to enjoy a general outpouring of the Holy Ghost upon our churches.

Contrary to the flippant, superficial, pharisaical disparagement of such labor, we are assured that tireless devotion and biblical preaching are sacred offerings to the cause of God which He will in no wise dishonor. They are incorporated into His all-wise, all-inclusive plan in harmony with which He is making certain the triumph of the cross and preparing the way for the enthronement of His Son as the Prince of the Kings of the earth. Because these things are so, we will, therefore, at this session of our Conference offer our praises to Almighty God, renew our vows to promote the work, hold particular seasons of prayer and cultivate such a spirit that the Holy Ghost may come upon us, upon those under our care, and upon the world at large.

In harmony with the foregoing, be it

Resolved, That each day of our Conference session, excepting this first day, at eleven o'clock the Conference shall suspend business for fifteen minutes to pray for the Holy Ghost power to fill our churches, that the Lord may so revive His work we may see more of His glory and less of human imperfections.

W. R. GRAHAM,

Resolution 2

Publication of the Conference Sermon.

Resolved, That this Conference respectfully requests Brother Balderston to permit the publication of his Conference Sermon.

W. S. PHILLIPS.

Resolution 3

Our Veterans.

The names of Rev. S. B. Southerland, D. D., Rev. J. J. Murray, D. D., Rev. David Wilson, D. D., and Rev. W. S. Hammond, D. D., lead the roll of this Conference, all of them with more than half a century's membership.

Dr. Southerland is present with us, and we rejoice that God has crowned him with such length of days. We feel that he needs our sympathy, for besides his own feebleness he has been called upon to bear the painful affliction of his beloved wife. May God keep and bless him and her in the peace that passeth understanding.

The other three brethren are all prevented from meeting with us by reason of personal affliction.

Upon Doctor Murray the stroke has been particularly heavy. In his advanced age he has been bereaved of his first-born, and to this sudden and overwhelming sorrow, has been added serious illness until it is thought he is now almost within the shadow of the rest of the people of God. In this critical condition of mind and body we rejoice to know that his spirit is calm and confident, waiting for the appearing of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ. And doubtless to him it seems far better to depart, but we pray that if it be God's will he may delay his return to the skies. We send him brotherly greeting to assure him that we think of him with tender affection and pray without ceasing that he may be still spared to the church and his family and preserve among us a name associated for more than half a century with all the best and most permanent work of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Dr. Wilson is separated from us by many miles, but his spirit is with us as always in sympathy and love. We extend to him our sympathy in his increasing afflictions, but we know that while the outward man may gradually be falling away, the inward man is coming to heavenly maturity.

Dr. Hammond has rarely if ever been absent from one of our sessions. All his labor and time and love for the last fifty-four years have been freely poured out as an offering to God through the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. Now in age and feebleness extreme he is prevented from following his spirit to this fond spot. God be with him till we meet again and minister to him the sweet consolations that whisper in his darkness, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

The Secretary is hereby directed to communicate this expression of our love to all these brethren.

T. H. LEWIS.

Resolution 4

Date of Next Session.

Resolved, That the session of the Maryland Conference for the year 1906, be held on the first Wednesday in April of that year.

G. Q. BACCHUS.

Resolution 5

Sympathy for H. C. Grimes.

WHEREAS, H. Clyde Grimes, the delegate elect from Congress St. Church, Washington, D. C., is detained at home by the sudden death of his father, W. K. Grimes, an old and honored member of that church,

Resolved, That we hereby express our sincere sorrow and sympathy with Brother H. Clyde Grimes, and all the family in their great sorrow.

Resolved, That the secretary be directed to send this message of condolence to Brother Grimes from this Conference.

J. D. KINZER.

Resolution 6

To Borrow Church Extension Deficit.

Resolved, That this Conference authorize the Church Extension Steward to borrow the balance of the appropriation, amounting with interest to \$410.67.

E. S. FOOKS.

Resolution 7

Of Sympathy to Rev. W. A. Crouse.

We note with regret the absence from our session of our venerable brother, Rev. Wm. A. Crouse, who for many years stood in the active ranks of our Con-

ference, and who is detained at his home in Westminster, Md., by the infirmities of his own age, and the extreme illness of his aged wife.

We tender to him our sincere sympathy and pray that God may bestow upon him every needed good, and give to him and his wife in their affliction that peace which passeth all understanding.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to convey this action of the Conference to Brother Crouse.

J. W. HERING.

Resolution 8

Substitute for Motion to Adopt the Overture on Union with Primitive Methodists.

The overture submitted to the Annual Conferences by the General Conference of 1904, viz.: "Shall the proposed terms of union with the Primitive Methodist Church be adopted?," has been considered by the Maryland Conference, and a solemn regard to our responsibilities in the matter forces us reluctantly to hesitate as to our vote. We do not wish to oppose union with these brethren, and there seem many reasons why we should unite. Nevertheless we fear the matter has not been sufficiently considered for reaching the wisest conclusion. It appears that the largest of the three Conferences of the Primitive Methodists have postponed action on the union, and although most of our Conferences have acted, we respectfully submit our reasons for believing that nothing will be lost and much gained by further consideration.

The Primitive Methodists do not seem enthusiastic for this union, so far as the body of the church is concerned. Time is needed to accustom them to the idea of union and to learn more of our Church. The present terms of union propose to submit the question of a name for the united church to the first General Conference. We think this is unfair. It may leave the Primitive Methodists under the impression that some change is expected, whereas we are sure our people have no such idea. The terms of union propose to substitute our plan of appointing preachers by the Annual Conference by the plan of the Primitive Methodists, which gives to individual churches the right of providing for their own supply through a call. We believe the Primitive Methodists can do under our law through the Annual Conference all that they can do under their own law, and they can, in addition, exercise the right of appointment when necessary, for which they have no provision in law at present.

For these reasons the Maryland Conference resolves to leave this question open for future action, and would respectfully and sincerely suggest further conferences between the committees of the two churches to see if a more satisfactory union may not be promoted.

T. H. LEWIS.

Resolution 9

Request for First Church, Pittsburg, to Contribute to Superannuate Fund.

WHEREAS, The First Church of Pittsburg, Pa., will have the labors of our beloved F. H. Lewis in the prime of his life, and the Superannuate Fund, most important to every member of our Conference, will lose that revenue which should come to the said Fund through the services of our brother, therefore be it

Resolved, That we request the said church to donate to our Superannuate Fund the sum which in our Conference is obtained through the efforts of the class of Brother Lewis.

C. P. NOWLIN.

Resolution 10

Setting Apart a Maryland Conference Room in Conference Building.

Resolved, That one of the rooms in the Conference building at 316 N. Charles street be set apart for the use of the Conference officers as headquarters, where Conference business may be transacted and Conference records may be deposited in the interim of the annual sessions.

The President and Secretary are hereby appointed a committee to select this room and furnish it, taking either of the rooms above the first floor not now occupied by the Book Concern, as may best suit the purpose.

The committee is authorized to use any balance of the Conference collection of this year, and to borrow one hundred dollars, if necessary, to be paid out of the collection of next year, in fitting up the room.

If the Historical Society desire, and will pay for needed suitable shelving, they may be allowed to place their effects in this room under the direction of the committee.

T. H. LEWIS.

Resolution 11

Discouraging Use of Manuscript in Pulpit.

Resolved, That the Faculty of Instruction be and is hereby requested to use their influence to induce all young men applying for membership in this body to abstain from reading manuscript sermons in the pulpit.

J. M. HOLMES.

Resolution 12

Not to Excuse Members from Attendance at Conference.

Resolved, That the habit of excusing members of the Conference from further attendance during the session, for the mere asking, is unwise, and tends to depreciate the importance of lay-delegation in the business of this Conference. In the judgment of the Conference, it is just as important for the laymen as for the ministers to remain and participate in all the business until adjournment. Only sickness, death or unexpected business demands should be deemed sufficient excuse for going home before the session closes.

J. D. KINZER.

Resolution 13

Change in Statistical Table.

Resolved, That in Statistical Tables (under memberships) the first column of Probationers, "At last conference" be stricken out, and that a column, "Amount for Missions" be added under Y. P. S. C. E.

W. S. PHILLIPS.

Resolution 14

Concerning the Appointments.

Resolved, That this Conference will not be influenced in the appointment of pastors by any representation made by any one outside of the regularly elected and officially instructed delegate.

W. M. STRAYER.

Resolution 15

Change of Rules of Order.

Resolved, That we add to the end of Item 13, "Duties of the President," the following words, "And upon all the churches the importance of being incorporated."

J. L. MILLS.

Conference Societies

Superannuate Fund Society

SALISBURY, MD , April 7th, 1905.

The Superannuate Fund Society of the Maryland Conference met on the above date at 10:40 o'clock a.m. in the Salisbury M. P. Church, H. S. Johnson, Second Vice-president, in the chair.

The following officers were elected, viz. :—First Vice-president, H. S. Johnson; Second Vice-president, D. W. Anstine; Third Vice-president, L. F. Warner; Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Mather; Recording Secretary, E. C. Makosky.

The following Board of Managers was elected for the ensuing conference year, viz. : J. W. Kirk, G. W. Haddaway, J. D. Kinzer, J. M. Sheridan, J. W. Hering, G. T. Atkinson, Vaughn Webster and T. A. Murray.

The Treasurer's Report for the year not having arrived, we adjourned until such time when said report should be received.

Monday, April 10th, 1905.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Superannuate Fund Society was read by G. W. Haddaway and adopted. A paper by J. D. Kinzer, thanking Brother T. A. Murray, the Treasurer, for his efficient services, was adopted by an unanimous rising vote. No further business claiming our attention, we adjourned.

C. E. MAKOSKY, *Secretary*.

Resolved, That we hereby express our high appreciation of the splendid services of T. A. Murray, Esq., the faithful and efficient Treasurer of the Superannuate Fund Society. His services are freely and cheerfully given to the interests of the Society; and his ability and good judgment in handling the finances of the Society is conceded by us all.

We thank him for this great service and the many other uncompensated services he renders to the church.

J. D. KINZER.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 1905

Thomas A. Murray, Treasurer, in account with Superannuate Fund Society.

Investment Account

DR.

To balance as per last report.....	\$	233	18
" amount received from Rev. W. H. Litsinger, Steward.....	100	50	
" amount received from redemption Mortgages	600	00	
" amount received from redemption of Ground-Rent.....	816	66	1517 18

\$1750 34

CR.

By amount invested in Mortgage	650	00
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Balance to credit of Investment Account..... \$1100 34

Distribution Account

DR.

To amount Income on Investments received.....	\$5080	65	
To amount Interest received on Deposits.....	43	64	5124 29
To amount Conference Assessments received.....			373 00

\$5497 29

CR.

By Rent Safe Deposit Box.....	\$	5	00
By expense of opening same (key destroyed in Fire)	3	50	
By cost of new Seal	2	50	
By Taxes paid on Securities.....	76	94	
By expense for collection of Ground-Rents, etc....	75	00	\$162 94

By amounts remitted to Steward:

Oct. 5th, 1904, by Check	\$	2101	75
Dec. 14th, 1904, by Check	25	00	
Jan. 18th, 1905, by Check.....	50	00	
Check herewith for	3157	60	5334 35

\$5497 29

Total amount of Income for this year\$5124 29

Total amount of Income for last year 4946 29

Excess for this year.....\$ 178 00

While the income for the present year shows an increase of \$178.00 as above, over last year, your treasurer deems it proper to call your attention to the fact that unless there is a material increase in our invested funds, we must expect a decrease in the income, as many of our securities and investments will

shortly mature, and it is impossible now to find safe investments yielding as large a per centage of income as in former years. It is hoped that the knowledge of this fact will inspire the members of our church to some special effort to materially increase the invested fund.

We record with profound sorrow, and with a deep sense of the loss to our society and our Church generally, the death of our esteemed friend and brother, John G. Clarke, for long years a member of the Board of Managers of this society, and one of its former treasurers.

We make grateful recognition of his bequest of \$1000 to this society which will shortly be paid over.

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. MURRAY, *Treasurer.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the treasurer and find them correct as per above report, and the income from all property and securities of the society fully accounted for; and we have also examined the securities of the society and find them all properly deposited in the Safe Deposit Box of the society.

G. W. HADDAWAY, }
E. B. FENBY, } *Auditing Committee*

Church Extension Society

The Church Extension Society met Thursday at 10:15 a. m., Rev. J. M. Gill presiding.

Report of Board of Managers was read by Rev. J. D. Kinzer, and was adopted.

The Treasurer's report was read by the Secretary, and was adopted.

A motion was made that a foot note be placed at the bottom of the financial table, requesting the pastors to send the assessment for church extension to the treasurer of the said society, as soon after Conference as possible. Adopted.

Officers were elected as follows:—President, J. M. Gill; First Vice-president, Rev. J. L. Straughn; Second Vice-president, Rev. J. W. Trout; Treasurer, T. Harry Bartlett; Secretary, Rev. F. A. Holland; Board of Managers, J. D. Kinzer, J. S. Bowers, F. T. Tagg, ministers; laymen, N. T. Meginniss, T. A. Murray, J. N. Gilbert, J. W. Chapman. Adjourned.

F. A. HOLLAND, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

The Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society of the Conference respectfully submits the following report:

Early in the year W. J. Neepier because, by appointment he was remote from the city, resigned, and J. D. Kinzer was elected to his place.

The board has faithfully endeavored to follow the instructions of the Conference and care for all the interests committed to them. The Conference made some appropriations conditionally, and in some cases put the responsibility of meeting the financial obligations, when the conditions were met, upon the Board of Managers. We have paid all these obligations as they became due, (the treasurer's report will give details). In order to do this, however, we were compelled to use our invested fund. This fund if allowed to remain in bank would slowly increase. We call attention to this that some plan may be devised to prevent this loss to the society. The situation is this—pastors and churches meet the conditions laid down by the Conference at times in the year when there are no funds from assessments in the treasury. They are anxious to reduce debts and cut off interest. We have helped them by using the investment money, which we think ought not to be continued. One of two things in our judgment ought to be done. Make the apportionments payable only at the ensuing Conference, or see that assessments—some at least—are paid early in the Conference year. We would be glad to have the society advise the board in the matter. We believe all the churches we are helping are doing well, and are to be commended for heroic efforts to pay their debts.

Keen Memorial is making splendid progress under the present pastor, and desires, and we think deserves the same consideration at this Conference. Lauraville is doing well. They are wisely purchasing the ground before proceeding to build more elaborately. Broadway is meeting her obligations as understood by the Conference. Evergreen is doing nobly in supporting the pastor and purchasing the ground on which the church stands. We believe in helping those who help themselves, even if we have to abandon some lifeless and helpless enterprises elsewhere.

By order of the Board.

J. D. KINZER,

President of the Board of Managers.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

1904.

Apr. 12, Rev. E. A. Fooks, balance on appropriation to Lauraville.....	\$ 32 00
July 1, Rev. H. F. Wright.....	\$ 9 00
Oct. 7, Rev. J. A. Wright.....	26 00
Nov. 23, Rev. H. L. Schlincke.....	32 00

1905.

Feb. 24, Rev. A. H. Green.....	35 00
Feb. 28, Rev. J. W. Balderston.....	35 00
Mch. 6, 1st M. P. Church, Elizabeth, N. J.....	61 00
Mch. 6, Rev. J. W. Kirk.....	91 00
Mch. 8, Rev. Thomas Wheeler.....	21 00
Mch. 16, Rev. G. W. Haddaway.....	91 00
Mch. 16, Rev. G. R. Donaldson.....	18 00
Mch. 22, Rev. R. K. Lewis.....	26 00
Mch. 22, Rev. J. D. Kinzer.....	61 00
Mch. 23, Rev. W. M. Strayer.....	35 00
Mch. 24, Rev. E. C. Makosky.....	98 00
Mch. 24, Rev. A. N. Ward.....	32 00
Mch. 28, Rev. J. F. Bryan.....	26 00
Mch. 29, Rev. J. McL. Brown.....	15 00
Mch. 29, Rev. B. A. Bryan.....	4 00

Total from charges.....\$ 716 00 716 00

Total.....\$ 748 00

Advanced from vested funds of the Society..... 134 00

\$882 00

Disbursements

1904.

July 9, Rev. G. Q. Bacchus, Interest on Broadway Church debt.....	\$ 62 50
Sept. 21, Clinton Hill M. P. Church on account of Appropriation.....	250 00
Nov. 26, Rev. G. Q. Bacchus, Interest on Broadway Church debt.....	62 50
Nov. 26, Rev. Avery Donovan, Appropriation on Snow Hill Church.....	250 00
Dec. 10, Lauraville M. P. Church, balance of appropriation from 1903.....	32 00

1905.

Jan. 9, Rev. G. Q. Bacchus, Interest on Broadway Church debt.....	62 50
Mch. 13, Rev. G. Q. Bacchus, Interest on Broadway Church debt.....	62 50
Mch. 13, Rev. J. McL. Brown, appropriation for Keen Memorial M. P. Church.....	100 00

Total.....\$882 00

Amount due the Society.....\$134 00

Bank Account, (Maryland Savings Bank of Baltimore)

1904.

Apr. 4, To balance.....	\$685 86
Apr. 5, Interest on deposits.....	10 98

Total.....\$696 84

1905.

Apr. 5, To balance.....	\$501 84
Amount due Society (advanced).....	134 00
To Trustees of Lauraville Church.....	61 00

Total.....\$696 84

T. HARRY BARTLETT, *Treasurer.*

The Mutual Relief Association

The Mutual Relief Association met in annual session at Salisbury, Md., April 7, 1905, the President of the Conference in the chair. The secretary called the roll. The secretary-treasurer read his report. J. W. Kirk and E. C. Makosky were appointed to audit the report, and reported that they had found everything satisfactory. The report was adopted.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the secretary to use the invested fund for incidental expenses.

A resolution was adopted requesting the secretary to make an appeal to all the members of the Conference to unite with the Association.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the secretary to publish Blank Order Forms.

The following officers were elected:—1st Vice-president, J. E. Nicholson; 2nd Vice-president, W. M. Strayer; 3rd Vice-president, S. W. Coe; Secretary-treasurer, J. A. Weigand.

J. A. WEIGAND, *Secretary-treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

For the Year ending April 5, 1905

Amount in hand from 10th advance payment	\$128 00	
Amount in hand from 11th advance payment	138 00	
Amount in hand from 12th advance payment	129 00	
Amount in hand from 13th advance payment	129 00	
Amount in hand from 14th advance payment	126 00	
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		\$650 00
Expense of collecting 10th advance payment....	\$4 45	
Expense of collecting 11th advance payment.....	4 40	
Expense of collecting 12th advance payment.....	4 45	
Expense of collecting 13th advance payment.....	4 50	
Expense of collecting 14th advance payment.....	4 50	22 30
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		\$627 70
Paid Rev. J. M. Dickey.....	\$123 00	
Paid Mrs A. D. Dick	133 00	
Paid Rev. J. W. Trout	125 55	
Paid Mr. Frank B. Norris.....	124 50	\$506 05
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Balance in Newark, N. J. bank on advance payment	\$121 65	
Amount of permanent fund deposited in Westminster Savings Bank.....	\$56 19	
4 members deceased, 17 lapsed during the year.		

Present number of members:

Members of Conference.....	70
Wives of Members	46
Widows	10
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Total.....	126

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. WEIGAND, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

Examined and approved.

The Auditing Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Secretary-treasurer of the Mutual Relief Association has very carefully examined and compared with the vouchers the accounts of said Secretary-treasurer, and we find them correct in every particular.

J. W. KIRK,
E. C. MAKOSKY, } *Auditing Committee*

OBITUARIES

Rev. Abraham Downs Dick

Rev. Abraham Downs Dick was born in the sixth election district, Baltimore county, December 18, 1826, and died in Federalsburg, Md., October 23, 1904. He was led to see his condition as a sinner at a camp-meeting held near Newmarket in August, 1841, and was converted soon after, while walking on the road alone. He joined the Salem Church, which was afterward substituted by Mt. Zion Church. He met with sympathy and help from the membership, and greatly enjoyed class-meetings and secret prayer. He was licensed to exhort by the Quarterly Conference of Newmarket Circuit in 1852, and to preach in the same year. He hesitated for awhile about entering the ministry, not from financial considerations, but from the greatness of the work and his consciousness of his personal unfitness for its duties, but feeling the divine call, he determined to obey. I copy the following from a record written by himself years after the event: "Rev. D. W. Bates, a former pastor, was sent to Baltimore Circuit in 1851; after he was there some months he dreamed that I was called to preach and he had not done his duty by me. He at once wrote me and found that my feelings on the subject and his dream corresponded exactly. Some correspondence was had between us, and then his successor on Newmarket Circuit, Rev. James M. Elderdice, to whom I confessed my convictions of duty, led me into the work of preaching the gospel of Christ." Brother Dick was appointed assistant on Newmarket for the last six months of 1852 by Dr. J. S. Reese. At the close of this year he was taken sick, and what he calls "a dark season" lasted several months. He thought he should never preach again, but while meditating and reasoning on this subject, he says: "The divine Spirit came to me with the sweet assurance that I should preach again; O blessed assurance, and not more blessed than true, for in a short time I was able to work and was again appointed by Dr. J. S. Reese to Cecil Circuit." He was received into Conference at Easton in 1854, and was sent to Union Circuit, assistant to Rev. John Morgan. His subsequent appointments were as follows: 1855, Accomac; 1856, Howard; 1857, Deer Creek (where the writer learned to know and love him); 1858-9, Pocomoke Circuit; 1860, Frederick Circuit. Here he met Miss Lydia R. H. Wood, to whom he was married by Dr. David Wilson in

Newmarket on March 2, 1865. He spent 1861 and 1862 on Prince William Circuit, Va., where, on July 21, 1861, he was held a prisoner in Sudley mansion, while the first battle of Manassas was being fought. 1863, Baltimore Circuit; 1864, his time was divided between Williamsport and Berkley Mission and Kent Circuit; 1865-6, Union Circuit; 1867-8, Philadelphia; 1869-70-71, Leipsic, Del.; 1872-3-4, Finksburg Circuit; 1875-6, Anne Arundel Circuit; 1877, Ellicott City; 1878-9, Caroline Circuit; 1880-1, Pittsville; 1882-3, Milton Circuit; 1884-5, Fawn Grove; 1886-7, Kent Island; 1888-9, Quantico; 1890-1-2, Baltimore Circuit; 1893-4, Grove Circuit; 1895-6, Kemptown Circuit; 1897-8-9, Reliance Circuit; which proved to be his last charge. He was superannuated at the Crisfield Conference, at the age of 73. Counting from his first appointment by Dr. J. S. Reese in 1852 to his death in 1904, we place the term of his ministry at 52 years. It will be seen from the list above that during all these years Brother Dick served no wealthy charges. In the little sketch written by himself he makes no complaint, and I doubt if any man among us has done better work, and has been more faithful in the ministry, and I may add has spent a happier life than Brother Dick. He says: "I may state that in most of my appointments I saw divine purpose, and in my appointment to Reliance I have seen this more than in some other cases." Brother Dick, like Daniel, was "a man greatly beloved," and like Daniel he was inflexible in matters of duty—in morals, and in religion.

Brother Tredway says: "He was a faithful man and I hope to meet him in a better land beyond. You can use all the adjectives in the English language and not say too much about his Christian character. He always went to a new charge in the spirit of faith and prayer, and a determination to make his work a success—and the Conference Minutes will show that he always left his appointments better than he found them. He never departed from that which he deemed true and right whatever the circumstances might be."

Brother H. I. Wright says: "His earthly journey is over, and that which seems to us 'as night, is to him the glory of an eternal day. Surely, to know him was to love him. He was an honest, faithful and conscientious minister of the Maryland Annual Conference. There will be many who will call him blessed."

Brother LeCates says many good things, among others the following: "Brother Dick was my pastor. He was a good man, preacher and pastor. He fully proved his high and excellent calling by his good works and earnest preaching. Notwithstanding his advanced years he was young in spirit, and active in the work."

Brother Grubbs says: "We have only words of praise and commendation for Brother Dick. During his stay with us he was esteemed by all who knew him as a thoroughly consecrated Christian gentleman. He had many warm friends here. We feel deeply for the bereaved ones who have lost so loving a father and husband, and pray God to send His comforter to soothe their aching hearts."

I would like to quote more largely from the excellent letters of my brethren on committee, but have only room for the closing scene as described by his daughter, Mrs. Alice Dick Davis. She says: "On September 23 he was

taken very ill with bronchitis, and thought he was dying. Sent for his pastor, Rev. H. F. Wright, and made all his plans for his funeral, and talked so beautifully of his departure, said he hadn't a doubt or fear, that the Jesus he had preached to others was very precious to him, comforting and sustaining him. He rallied from this attack, but on Thursday afternoon, October 20, he was taken much worse. Sent for his son, Reese, who resides in New York. Talked joyfully about dying, and had a young friend to sing for him "Some sweet day"—talked with his daughter about dying, and said, 'I hope it is the Lord's will I will go soon.' After four o'clock Sunday morning he said, 'I want to get up.' Brother and mamma raised him, then he said, 'Put me in the chair,' (doctor had said not to take him out of bed), so mamma said, 'No dear.' He smiled and said, 'Lift me higher,' and in that instant he was lifted higher into the world beyond, a fitting close of a life of heavenly aspirations.

His daughter adds: "We buried him here in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery beside his little granddaughter, after service in the M. P. Church that he loved so well. Rev. H. F. Wright had charge, assisted by Revs. B. P. Truitt and Thomas Wheeler of the M. P. Church, and Rev. T. S. Holt, of the M. E. Church.

H. C. CUSHING, O. W. GENT,
S. B. TREDWAY, L. H. LECATES,
H. F. WRIGHT, C. F. GRUBBS,

Rev. Charles Humphrey Littleton

Rev. Charles H. Littleton, of the Maryland Annual Conference, died at his home, in Baltimore, January 17, 1905. He was the son of Lawson and Cecilia Littleton, and was born in Virginia, January 6, 1829. He entered the ministry in the Maryland Conference in 1851. After three years in the itinerancy the death of his father made it necessary, he thought, to locate that he might care for his mother and sisters. This continued, however, only two years, when he resumed his place in the itinerant ranks. His subsequent appointments were the following, in order named: Deer Park; Baltimore Circuit; Reading; Williamsport; West Baltimore Circuit; Baltimore Circuit; Anne Arundel; Somerset; Jefferson; Pipe Creek; Starr. Because of impaired health and defective vision he was then located for four years. In 1888 he again took an appointment and served successively Concord; Crumpton; Deer Creek, and Milton. He has been superannuated since 1899.

January 7, 1858, he was married to Sarah E. Webster, the daughter of Rev. Isaac Webster, of honored memory in our Conference. She was a good woman, and a faithful wife and mother; but early in their married life broke down in health and was an invalid the rest of her life, requiring much of his time and thought and drawing upon the sympathies of his tender and affectionate nature. She died June 6, 1886. July 3, 1888, he married Mrs. Carrie E. Pope, and

gave ten more years of laborious service to the Church. His widow, and three children by his first marriage, survive him and mourn the loss of a good husband and a wise and kind father.

Brother Littleton's religious life began when he was young and he became a member of the church when a youth. He was known among us in all the years of his manhood as a most devout man. He was sincere and straightforward in his dealings with men, and fervent and zealous in his devotion to the Lord and His cause. The testimony of all the laymen on this committee, whose charges he served, is that as a minister of the Gospel he won the respect and affection of the people whom he served, and preached the Gospel with such fervency and power that many were led to Christ through his effort. He had that dignity of bearing and gentle and kindly spirit that commended him and the cause he represented to people outside the church. Everywhere he lived, his chaste conversation, genial spirit and consistent life drew to him intelligent and thoughtful persons as ardent friends. It is a great achievement—perhaps the greatest—to live in the glare of light that shines upon the pastor's life, so as to win from the world the tribute that he was a good man, a consistent Christian. This Brother Littleton did by the grace of God. The list of charges served by Brother Littleton will disclose to any one familiar with the Maryland district that his life in the itinerancy has not been one of ease and luxury. He knew, by experience, the deprivations, trials and hardships of the old-time Methodist preacher, but he never wavered in his course. He "endured hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." And more, and better than that, he endured it without losing the sweet spirit of good-fellowship with his brethren. He believed God had called him into the ministry, and he accepted willingly and cheerfully his providential allotment, looking to his Lord and Saviour for approval and reward in the end. He was an humble and modest man. He did not "think of himself more highly than he ought to think." Perhaps he did not do himself justice in his thoughts, but the pure gold in his character was seen and appreciated by those who came close to him as a pastor or a personal friend. He was large-hearted, unselfish and generous. He kept the faith to the end. The precious Gospel he preached to others was an inspiration of joy and hope to him in his last conscious hours.

The funeral services were conducted at the home of his son, on Monroe street. A large number of the ministers of the city and laymen from the charges he had served were present to honor his memory. Rev. J. M. Holmes had charge, and Dr. S. B. Southerland, Dr. F. T. Little and Dr. J. D. Kinzer also participated in the services. The burial was in Loraine Cemetery.

J. J. MURRAY,	P. B. MYERS,
S. B. SOUTHERLAND,	J. H. BARROW,
J. M. HOLMES,	I. C. STERLING,
J. D. KINZER,	W. W. SMITH.

Mrs. J. M. Dickey

Maggie O. Stoner was born February 21, 1875. Converted to God when very young and joined the Washington Street Church under the pastorate of Rev. R. S. Rowe. Married to Rev. J. M. Dickey April, 1901, and transferred to higher service near the Throne of God April 1, 1904. "God is not the God of the dead, but of the living," and Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Maggie still live in and with Him, and we have a memory, a record and an example that will help us in our journey to the same blessedness.

Rev. C. E. Makosky writes: "My earliest recollection of Maggie O. Stoner-Dickey was when we were children together in old Washington Street Church Sunday-school. She was attractive not only in looks, but in spirit and manner, even at this early time of her short life. Regular in attendance, eager to learn and pious of heart, she gave promise of a sweetness of character and a helpfulness of life which has since been fully realized. My acquaintance of the Sunday-school was supplemented by our contact in the Young People's Class Meeting. There her yearnings for the fulness of Christ and the power to do something for Him were expressed; and there, as elsewhere, she helped others by her personality and example. When it became my privilege to assist in joining her to my boyhood companion as a helpmeet, I rejoiced that he had found so sweet a spirit to share with him the duties, the triumphs, the hardships, the joys, the sorrows of the itinerant's life. Alas, she only remained with him three years, but proved in that time that all the promises of the blossoms of childhood and girlhood were realized in the fruition of character in the daughter, the woman, the wife and the mother. It was with a sad heart that I took part in the funeral services and helped to carry her body to its last resting-place."

Rev. B. F. Ruley writes: "I have been intimately acquainted with Mrs. Dickey for a number of years. She was always of a modest, unassuming disposition; kind, courteous and ready to do anything she could to make others happy. We joined the old Washington Street Church together. In her Christian life she was consistent, active and always ready to spend or to be spent in the Master's service."

Bro. J. B. T. Roe, of Carmichael, who knew her as his pastor's wife, writes: "To know Mrs. Dickey was to love her; and now that she has gone to her reward, the home, the church, the community and the family will most sensitively feel the loss of this good Christian woman. We loved her because of her genial and happy disposition, because of her gentleness and because she was a womanly woman, the possessor of a fine and noble character. Her life was not tainted with the superficial sham or pretense. When I last saw her (just before Christmas) the dread disease had already fastened itself upon her, yet she was bearing up under it with that bravery and Christian fortitude that to me indeed was remarkable. While her death seemed soon, so soon and

untimely, yet it is often the case that He plucks the jewels of this earth in order that Heaven may be brighter and more beautiful."

She was called on in her brief life to sustain the sacred relations of daughter, wife, mother and pastor, and we say pastor advisedly, for a faithful, sensible true Christian woman who as the wife of a minister will often have opportunities to do real pastoral work in cases so delicate and peculiar where a man will blunder and fail but where the real woman's heart and tact can reach and control without any mistake. She had just that quality. She was a peace-maker in the church, a home-maker for her dear ones and a helpmeet for her husband in every sense of the word. The last pastor she had for five years before she entered the ranks of the Maryland Conference can fully express his estimate of her in one word written large—FAITHFUL!

THE COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Thomas Lee

Elizabeth Hardman Lee, widow of the late Rev. Thomas Lee, of the Maryland Conference, was born October 3rd, 1822, at Shawforth, England, and died at the home of her daughter in Bedford, Pa., August 12th, 1904. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hardman, and was converted when twelve years of age, and became a member of the Methodist New Connection Church.

June 5th, 1846, she was united in marriage to Rev. Thomas Lee, of Heywood, England, who was a local minister of the same denomination to which she belonged. They came to America in 1849, and located at Harper's Ferry, where they united with the Methodist Protestant Church. After the death of Brother Lee, Sister Lee moved to Bedford, Pa., and resided with her daughter until death claimed its victim.

A layman and a member of the committee writes: "Truly, Sister Lee was a help-meet to her husband. We all learned to love her on account of her beautiful Christian life; there seemed in her presence a heavenly atmosphere. In public prayer she could move a congregation with her fervor and eloquence as scarcely any one else could, and I do not doubt she will have several stars in her crown."

Another member of the committee writes: "My first personal knowledge of Sister Lee was during the fall of 1900, when she visited Rainsburg and attended our revival services at Friend's Cove Church. We were in the midst of a gracious outpouring of God's spirit, and many were professing conversion. At that time she could not speak above a whisper, but she attended the meetings regularly and participated in them actively. I cannot forget her sweet spirit, her abiding confidence in God, nor her interest in the salvation of souls. She spoke in the meetings, led in prayer, and although heard with difficulty by those nearest her, her very presence was an inspiration. Everybody loved and

Sister Lee is survived by two children, Mrs. Sarah V. Stern, of Bedford, and J. Wesley Lee, of Altoona. She was a woman of strong character, brave and consistent in the performance of her duties as the wife of a minister of the Gospel. She was an eloquent and forceful exhorter, and frequently filled the pulpit of her husband's church.

Sunday, August 14th, her remains were taken to Rainsburg for interment. The funeral services were held in the M. P. Church, conducted by her pastor, who was assisted by Rev. E. H. Jones, of the Lutheran Church.

G. R. DONALDSON, A. S. BEAN,
H. L. SCHLINCKE, R. J. WALKER.

Mrs. J. W. Trout

Mrs. Rosalie Wyatt, wife of Rev. J. W. Trout, was born July 12, 1851. Her father was Charles T. Wyatt and her mother Miss Sallie R. Lamb, daughter of William Lamb, of Kent county, Md. She was married at Chestertown, Rev. W. R. Graham, assisted by Rev. J. B. Jones and Rev. S. A. Hoblitzell, performing the ceremony. She died in the triumphs of faith November 5, 1904. Dr. Graham writes: "In the daily performance of domestic and social services Mrs. Trout was always characterized by the same attributes: general adaptation, supported by dignity, a high sense of duty predominating over every tendency to selfish indulgence and prompting to the execution of every kind of practical good; a large degree of self-respect, without which no talent can be matured and no purpose rendered firm; and yet, along with this, a far higher degree of respect for others, of sincerity in her friendships, exhibited in modes of deference and acts of consideration as various as the different characters whose good and happiness were the subjects of her care and thought. While possessing an innate repugnance for all false pretense or delusion, she was, in a large measure, the embodiment of that sweet charity which 'suffereth long and is kind; vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, envieth not, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.'"

Brother Crouse says: "My acquaintance with Mrs. Trout (then Miss Rosa Wyatt) began in 1872, when I was appointed to Kent Circuit as assistant to Dr. J. J. Murray. I found her a member of the church and Sunday-school at Chestertown. Her faithfulness, loyalty and quiet devotion to the Church and school were then marked characteristics. She was then, as always, undemonstrative in her. The people of Bedford circuit remembered her with great affection as the sainted wife of a faithful pastor. I am glad I knew her, and the few days I was thrown in her company will ever be remembered as the most pleasant and helpful of my life."

strative in her religious life, but she gave evidence of the depth and sincerity of her attachment to the cause of her Lord and Saviour. After my marriage and during my residence in Harper's Ferry, Miss Rosa spent several months with us, and by her modest, unaffected cordiality won many friends in the congregation and community of that church. My wife and I always felt toward her a warm affection, regarding her rather as a sister to both of us than as a friend, between whom and ourselves there was no family kinship. We valued her for her sincerity, her high sense of honor and her unaffected goodness. It has been a matter of regret to both of us that later years, because of the remoteness of our residences, interrupted in a measure the intimacy of our association. This did not, however, affect our friendship, and we loved her to the end, and heard of her declining health and her death with unaffected sorrow. She was a loyal Methodist Protestant, a modest christian, a wife and mother who looked to the ways of her household, and ate not the bread of idleness. Her children may well rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and praise her as one in whom his heart could safely trust.

Mr. W. B. Usilton says: "Mrs. Rose Trout, wife of Rev. J. W. Trout, of the Maryland Annual Conference, daughter of the late Mr. Chas. T. Wyatt, was an intimate acquaintance and friend of the writer for ten or fifteen years as a scholar and teacher in Christ Church Sunday-school, Chestertown. She was an 'open book' and especially interesting for her honest and outspoken opinion of persons and doings about her. She was frank to a fault, and her friendships were as true as the "needle to the pole." She was devotedly attached to her school and church, and no sacrifice was too great for her in these interests. She led a very quiet life and had the highest respect and affection of a large circle of friends. In arduous church work she was active, and as a helper and adviser in the conduct of the Sunday-school no one was more sincere and practical than Mrs. Rose Trout during all the years of her service as a teacher."

Mr. J. G. Coleman writes: "I would like to join my colleagues in exalting the worth of this excellent woman. For eleven years I knew Mrs. Trout intimately and well, and I was glad to count her a valued friend. She was utterly incapable of meanness in any form, and no heart beat truer than hers, or more loyal to those she loved. She loved life so well, that her death to my mind is almost pathetic. I am profoundly grieved at the going out of this valuable life. It is to me a personal bereavement."

From the other members of the committee there has come no response. The bereaved husband and daughter received many sympathetic letters and resolutions from churches he served and from personal friends, bearing testimony to her candor, sincerity and high sense of honor. She was faithful to her duties as she saw them, devoted to her family and strong in her attachment to the church.

I cannot say, and I will not say,
That she is dead. She is just away.
With a cherry smile and a wave of the hand
She has wandered into an unknown land,

And left us dreaming how very fair
That land must be, since she lingers there.
And you—O, you! who wildest yearn
For the oldtime step and the glad return
Think of her faring on, as dear
In the love of there, as the love of here;
Think of her still as the same, I say,
She is not dead—she is just away.

F. T. TAGG, W. B. USILTON,
W. R. GRAHAM, J. G. COLEMAN,
T. O. CROUSE, W. H. SILK,

Mrs. R. S. Norris

The death of Mrs. Selima C. Norris, the widow of Rev. Rhesa Scott Norris, occurred January 7, 1905. She had been a woman of good health and remarkable vigor of life through many years, but the infirmities of age grew upon her rapidly during the last year, and without apparent disease, and without pain, her natural powers failed, and she simply went to sleep at the date named to wake up in the cloudless morning of eternity.

She was the daughter of Dr. Jesse Wright, of Cassville, Pa., and was born February 5, 1821. Her father was a practicing physician and a local minister in the Methodist Protestant Church, and his home, was one of the hospitable homes where the itinerant on Trough Creek Circuit always found welcome. Three of the daughters married Methodist Protestant ministers. One married Rev. Mr. Crouse, another Rev. Jas. F. Whiteside, of the Maryland Conference. Sister Norris was married to Rev. R. S. Norris January 4, 1844, and for forty-four years shared with him the labors and trials, the joys and sorrows of the itinerant's life. Seven children were born to them—six sons and one daughter. They all lived to mature years. One, the eldest, preceded the mother a few years only to the better home above. During her widowhood, and for the last several years of Brother Norris' life, she was cared for by her son Frank in the old home on Biddle street, and tenderly nursed by Miss Maggie Sommers, who has been as another daughter in the family for a number of years. They were with her daily; but all the children and grandchildren were devoted to her in her declining years.

She was a faithful wife. Few women are so worthy of being called a "help-meet" to their husbands as was she. She looked after the affairs of her family, and by economy, industry and wise management made the home comfortable and restful. This was no small task with seven children growing into young manhood and womanhood, and only the small income of an itinerant preacher. As a wise mother, she felt that her greatest mission was to care for

and train the children God had given her; while her honored husband gave his time and strength to the wider fields of the church and the world. She was not neglectful of public worship; but, as she had opportunity, she was in her place and participated in the activities of the church. Her work in the home was not in vain. Nearly all her children as they grew up entered the church, and one of them, Rev. Jesse W. Norris, is an active and useful member of the Maryland Annual Conference. The words of Solomon may appropriately be applied to her: "She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children rise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Give her of the fruit of her hand; and let her own works praise her in the gates."

Her kindness and courtesy and consistent Christian life won for her in every charge they served the esteem and affection of the people among whom she lived. She has joined her husband in the full and perfect life above. May all their children follow their godly example and die with the same precious hope.

Many of our ministers in the city attended the funeral and participated in the services, but Dr. S. B. Southerland made the principal address. The interment was in the family lot in Loudon Park Cemetery.

J. D. KINZER,	E. B. FENBY,
S. B. SOUTHERLAND,	W. W. BAYNES,
DAVID WILSON,	C. A. BENJAMIN.

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Financial and Statistical

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	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid
Accomac.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	8	8	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	135	135
Alexandria.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	8	8	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	135	135
Alnutt Mem'l.....	65	65	9	9	13	13	42	42	21	40	99	99	91	91	55	55	63	63	448	477
Amelia.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	10	8	8	28	25	26	20	16	12	18	10	135	112
Baltimore.....	20	20	3	1	4	4	12	10	12	2	28	20	26	20	16	9	18	15	139	81
Bedford.....	30	30	5	3	6	4	20	6	22	18	47	17	44	18	26	10	30	--	230	106
Belair.....	30	30	5	3	6	4	20	10	13	7	47	27	44	22	26	16	30	16	221	136
Bethany.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	4	9	6	16	10	14	9	9	9	10	10	79	68
Broadway.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	13	13	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	182	182
Brooklyn.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	8	8	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	135	135
Cambridge.....	30	30	5	2	6	4	20	15	16	8	47	44	44	25	26	15	30	12	224	155
Campbell.....	12	--	2	--	3	--	8	--	3	--	19	--	18	--	11	--	12	--	88	--
Cannon.....	5	5	1	1	2	2	4	4	2	2	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	43	43
Caroline.....	25	25	4	4	5	4	16	16	13	10	39	20	35	16	21	10	24	10	182	111
Cecil.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	10	10	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	137	137
Centreville.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	6	6	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	133	133
Chesapeake.....	25	25	4	2	5	2	16	10	10	4	39	36	35	28	21	14	24	20	179	135
Chestertown.....	60	60	8	8	12	12	36	36	17	17	86	86	79	79	48	48	54	54	400	400
Chincoteague.....	20	20	3	1	4	2	12	3	9	2	28	5	26	4	16	5	18	5	136	47
Christ Church.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	8	8	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	52	52
Clayton.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	11	5	39	34	35	22	21	10	24	13	180	134
Clark Mem'l.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	4	--	2	--	70	--	23	--	--	--	--	--	--	99
Clinton Hill.....	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	8	12	12	19	19	18	18	11	10	12	12	97	97
Concord.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	14	14	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	183	183
Conquest.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	21	21	34	34	32	32	19	19	22	22	173	173
Crisfield.....	45	45	6	5	9	8	28	28	20	20	66	66	61	40	38	20	42	30	315	262
Crumpton.....	15	15	2	1	2	2	10	10	7	4	24	12	21	10	14	6	14	10	109	70
Cumberland.....	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	8	8	34	34	32	32	19	19	22	22	160	160
Deer Creek.....	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	5	7	4	24	6	21	5	14	4	14	5	109	48
Deer Park.....	20	20	3	--	4	--	12	12	21	4	28	--	26	--	16	3	18	16	148	55
Delmar.....	25	25	4	2	5	5	16	8	20	10	39	15	35	15	21	10	24	10	189	100
Delta.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	5	5	28	28	26	--	16	--	18	18	132	90
Denton.....	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	10	7	7	24	24	21	21	14	14	14	14	109	109
Dorchester.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	16	16	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	16	185	175
Dover.....	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	6	6	16	16	14	14	9	9	10	10	76	76
East Baltimore.....	45	45	6	6	9	9	28	28	15	15	66	66	61	61	38	38	42	42	310	310
Easton.....	45	45	6	6	9	9	28	28	10	10	66	66	61	61	38	38	42	42	305	305
Elizabeth.....	45	45	6	6	9	9	28	28	25	25	66	66	61	61	38	38	42	42	320	320
Eutaw.....	19	19	3	3	4	4	13	13	5	5	27	27	25	25	16	16	18	18	130	130
Evergreen.....	10	10	3	2	2	2	6	6	5	5	16	16	14	9	9	9	10	6	75	65
Fairfax.....	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	--	12	--	19	19	18	--	11	--	12	--	97	36
Fairview.....	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	3	2	9	4	9	--	5	2	6	2	47	25
Fawn Grove.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	24	24	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	193	193
Federalburg.....	5	5	1	1	2	2	4	4	2	2	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	43	43
Felton.....	20	20	3	2	4	3	12	10	6	3	28	10	26	10	16	4	18	10	133	72
Finksburg.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	28	28	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	197	197

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					Ass'd	Paid.									
16	1	1	5	158	650	650	75	75	100	100	280	6	1280	1440 Accomac
62	1	1	5	204	650	650	200	160	201	150	58	25	1419	1648 Alexandria
321	8	6	14	826	1200	1200	300	816	505	1812	.....	573	4633	6032	..... Alnutt Mem'l
20	...	...	...	132	370	342	15	29	12	809	.....	12	1209	1354	..... Amelia
23	1	1	1	107	500	500	150	20	50	1500	.....	20	2250	2377	..... Baltimore
8	1	1	1	128	600	600	50	60	70	49	.....	25	779	921	..... Bedford
31	...	...	9	176	835	803	150	250	85	75	270	.....	1633	1809	..... Belair
.....	.....	.....	1	64	600	500	.....	175	73	100	.....	19	848	931	..... Bethany
15	1	...	5	203	600	600	300	260	120	250	500	.....	2003	2206	..... Broadway
.....	.....	.....	5	140	500	547	200	141	62	169	.....	4	1119	1273	..... Brooklyn
18	...	...	5	178	700	700	150	208	78	59	.....	14	1195	1364	..... Cambridge
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..... Campbell
47	...	...	3	93	300	353	.....	65	49	194	.....	21	661	775	..... Cannon
25	1	1	5	143	550	550	75	225	60	.....	.....	.....	910	1053	..... Caroline
25	1	1	14	178	600	600	200	215	42	178	54	29	1289	1496	..... Cecil
67	1	1	5	200	700	700	200	267	140	53	30	170	1390	1760	..... Centreville
.....	1	1	5	142	500	500	100	38	29	.....	.....	.....	667	809	..... Chesapeake
68	5	5	8	486	1000	1000	275	625	341	90	.....	.....	2351	2817	..... Chestertown
.....	1	1	1	50	600	600	100	80	20	80	.....	2	880	932	..... Chincoteague
13	...	...	...	65	500	500	.....	359	83	10	437	31	1389	1485	..... Christ Church
20	2	2	5	163	600	577	120	102	54	3925	775	16	5553	5732	..... Clayton
340	50	51	18	558	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	657	657	..... Clark Mem'l
15	1	...	5	118	720	900	.....	350	229	6000	.....	875	7479	8472	..... Clinton Hill
25	1	1	5	215	450	450	30	60	60	125	.....	3	725	943	..... Concord
15	...	...	5	193	650	650	125	100	120	750	75	2	1820	2015	..... Conquest
52	1	1	5	321	1000	1000	120	272	295	150	1000	613	2837	3771	..... Crisfield
.....	.....	.....	...	70	300	300	60	75	25	12	.....	1	472	543	..... Crumpton
10	1	1	5	177	700	700	180	209	116	90	1200	164	2495	2836	..... Cumberland
3	1	1	5	58	275	275	100	40	25	30	.....	1	470	529	..... Deer Creek
.....	.....	.....	...	55	375	316	75	78	70	35	.....	15	573	643	..... Deer Park
27	1	...	2	130	700	700	175	220	150	350	96	139	1691	1960	..... Delmar
.....	.....	.....	...	90	520	520	150	124	44	24	105	44	968	1102	..... Delta
19	1	1	5	135	550	550	125	105	84	150	.....	2	1014	1086	..... Denton
26	1	1	5	208	600	600	150	140	55	100	.....	3	1045	1256	..... Dorchester
9	...	...	...	85	400	400	.....	148	42	234	.....	57	824	966	..... Dover
81	2	1	58	452	1000	1000	240	734	197	3162	190	106	5523	6031	..... East Baltimore
26	220	210	12	773	1000	1000	200	580	125	50	.....	405	1955	3133	..... Easton
79	1	1	5	406	1200	1200	.....	950	160	.....	.....	96	2310	2812	..... Elizabeth
37	1	1	...	169	500	500	200	93	89	170	.....	98	1052	1325	..... Eutaw
4	...	...	1	71	500	500	.....	122	84	25	185	43	916	1030	..... Evergreen
13	...	...	...	49	450	280	.....	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	313	352	..... Fairfax
85	1	1	5	25	300	250	.....	.....	.....	20	135	.....	405	430	..... Fairview
.....	1	1	5	285	600	600	60	212	160	8500	.....	43	9532	9860	..... Fawn Grove
14	...	...	3	70	350	350	125	111	57	1802	.....	43	2445	2548	..... Federalsburg
15	1	98	500	475	75	51	28	41	2	695	790 Felton
27	1	1	20	246	600	600	100	316	173	64	183	32	1436	1714 Finksburg

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First Church	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	13	13	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	182	182
Fox Hill	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	6	6	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	50	50
Franklin City.....	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	22	22	39	39	35	35	21	23	24	24	191	193
Frederick	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	19	19	34	34	32	32	19	19	22	22	171	171
Georgetown, D. C.	55	55	9	9	13	13	38	38	10	10	93	93	85	85	52	52	57	57	412	412
Georgetown, Del.	20	20	3	2	4	3	12	10	10	8	28	20	26	19	16	10	18	12	137	104
Georgetown Circ't	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	5	11	5	19	10	18	9	11	8	12	9	96	63
Greenwood	22	22	4	3	5	4	14	12	13	9	34	24	32	22	19	14	22	17	165	127
Grove	22	22	4	1	5	2	14	5	9	3	34	7	32	5	19	5	22	7	161	57
Hampden	40	40	6	6	8	8	24	24	17	17	59	59	55	55	32	32	40	40	281	281
Harbeson	10	10	3	1	2	2	6	6	10	2	16	5	14	14	9	5	10		80	46
Harpers Ferry	20	20	3	1	4	2	12	12	9	5	28	10	26	10	16	7	18	8	136	75
Harrington	25	25	4	2	5	2	16	16	14	5	39	13	35	15	21	5	24	7	183	90
Heathsville	30	30	5	5	6	6	20	20	14	14	47	47	44	44	26	26	30	30	222	222
Howard	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	14	14	34	39	32	32	19	19	22	22	166	171
Hurlock	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	8	14	14	19	19	18	18	11	11	12	12	99	99
Indian River	5	5	1	...	2	...	4	5	2	3	9	...	9	...	5	...	6	5	44	18
Jefferson.....	55	55	8	8	12	12	36	36	12	37	86	86	79	97	49	65	54	71	391	468
Keen Memorial ...	12	12	2	1	3	1	8	8	13	5	19	10	18	15	11	10	12	8	98	70
Kemptown	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	24	24	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	151	151
Kennedyville.....	18	18	3	3	4	4	10	10	4	4	25	25	23	23	15	15	17	17	119	119
Kent Island.....	22	22	4	3	5	3	14	10	7	5	34	25	32	23	19	15	22	18	159	124
Lauraville .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Laurel	40	40	6	3	8	7	24	22	10	10	59	45	55	40	32	18	40	30	274	214
Lawsonia	8	8	1	...	2	...	4	...	6	...	9	2	9	8	5	...	6	...	50	18
Leeds	20	20	3	2	4	2	12	6	8	4	28	16	26	13	16	8	18	8	135	79
Leipsic	10	10	3	1	2	1	6	3	5	3	16	7	14	6	9	4	10	5	75	40
Lewistown	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	8	1	9	1	9	1	5	3	6	1	52	22
Liberty.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	13	13	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	140	140
Lisbon	25	25	4	4	5	6	16	16	10	10	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	179	180
Lynchburg	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	26	6	6	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	175	185
Mardela	12	12	2	2	3	1	8	2	14	1	19	2	18	1	11	1	12	2	99	24
Mariners	22	22	4	2	5	3	14	3	15	2	34	15	32	15	19	8	22	...	167	70
Marley	6	6	1	1	2	...	4	4	2	...	9	...	9	...	5	...	6	...	44	11
Middleway	12	10	2	...	3	...	8	...	2	...	19	...	18	...	11	...	12	...	87	10
Millville.....	10	10	3	1	2	...	6	6	4	...	16	1	14	3	9	...	10	4	74	25
Milton	17	17	3	2	4	2	12	6	6	6	28	14	26	13	16	10	18	15	130	85
Montgomery	5	5	1	1	2	2	4	15	...	9	4	9	4	5	5	6	6	56	31	
Mt. Nebo.....	12	12	2	...	3	...	8	8	7	7	19	...	18	...	11	11	12	12	92	50
Mt. Tabor	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	6	6	34	34	32	32	19	19	22	22	158	158
Newark	60	60	8	8	12	12	36	36	11	11	86	86	79	79	48	48	54	54	394	394
Newmarket.....	30	30	5	2	6	3	20	20	21	15	47	23	44	24	26	5	30	10	229	132
Nichols Memorial	12	12	2	1	3	1	8	5	7	2	19	8	18	8	11	3	12	5	92	45
North Baltimore...	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	6	6	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	175	175
N. Carolina Avenue	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	10	10	34	34	32	32	19	45	22	22	162	188
Oak Grove.....	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	4	4	28	25	26	24	16	13	18	18	131	123

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57	1	5	5	246	830	830	450	425	210	700	250	103	2865	3214First Church
6	56	325	426	60	52	53	150	115	18	856	930 Fox Hill
30	1	1	5	230	600	545	80	200	137	275	100	25	1237	1592	.....Franklin City
28	1	1	14	265	575	575	100	175	160	195	.....	8	1205	1478	.....Frederick
162	...	...	14	588	1200	1200	400	525	107	366	155	12	2753	3453	Georgetown, D. C.
13	1	1	5	124	600	600	156	100	125	.....	.....	4	908	1087	Georgetown, Del.
4	...	...	...	67	300	300	60	23	35	230	.....	.....	648	715	Georgetown Circ't
9	1	1	5	143	600	600	75	200	125	200	735	2	1935	2080	..... Greenwood
...	...	...	...	58	450	420	75	50	50	225	.....	.....	820	877	..... Grove
141	1	1	6	432	800	800	150	405	277	143	.....	43	1776	2250	..... Hampden
10	1	...	1	58	400	400	80	25	25	125	8	.....	663	1442	.....Harbeson
16	1	1	6	99	350	355	48	120	35	100	.....	.....	658	757	.....Harpers Ferry
14	...	...	3	107	700	700	75	106	98	3140	32	13	4151	4271	.....Harrington
1	1	1	13	237	600	600	100	75	35	1110	.....	17	1920	2174	..... Heathsville
30	2	2	15	220	500	505	125	57	49	333	.....	70	1069	1359	..... Howard
...	...	...	2	101	500	500	108	300	80	65	.....	.....	1053	1152	.....Hurlock
...	...	...	...	18	100	100	.....	5	...	43	.....	.....	148	166	..... Indian River
217	2	1	25	746	800	800	250	226	117	300	.....	107	1693	2546	.....Jefferson
27	1	1	1	100	675	620	120	225	96	50	350	1	1461	1562	... Keen Memorial
26	1	1	10	189	600	600	75	100	100	2200	.....	27	3075	3291	.....Kemptown
...	1	1	5	126	500	500	75	60	24	100	.....	.....	759	885	..... Kennedyville
19	1	1	5	150	500	500	100	50	28	15	.....	11	593	754	.....Kent Island
4	...	...	...	4	153	153	.....	36	54	25	350	.....	619	624	..... Lauraville
107	7	1	7	336	800	800	135	360	115	2848	.....	42	4258	4641	..... .Laurel
8	...	...	...	26	175	175	75	64	16	29	136	12	495	544	..... Lawsonia
14	1	1	...	95	500	500	75	106	12	218	.....	3	830	929	..... Leeds
5	...	...	...	45	250	250	.....	14	14	33	.....	18	311	374	..... Leipsic
7	...	...	...	27	150	119	.....	30	29	.....	.....	13	179	221	..... Lewistown
59	1	1	5	206	500	500	75	156	73	758	.....	29	1462	1687	.....Liberty
22	2	2	23	231	600	600	75	125	25	25	.....	3	850	1084	..... Lisbon
86	...	...	5	276	800	800	.....	454	65	.....	28	8	1347	1631	.....Lynchburg
.....	1	1	1	27	600	600	75	74	32	290	230	47	1301	1375	..... Mardela
10	...	...	...	80	700	700	150	100	76	250	.....	.....	1276	1356	..... Mariners
.....	...	...	...	11	350	300	.....	52	12	.....	22	15	386	412	..... Marley
.....	...	...	...	10	100	100	40	20	15	.....	.....	.....	175	185	..... Middleway
.....	...	...	...	25	165	165	27	14	25	200	.....	.....	431	456	..... Millville
10	10	...	...	110	500	500	100	55	22	10	.....	12	687	809	..... Milton
2	...	...	...	33	130	201	.....	33	61	90	82	27	467	527	..... Montgomery
.....	...	...	5	55	400	400	72	90	45	50	.....	6	657	718	..... Mt. Nebo
46	1	1	5	211	600	600	.....	370	90	360	.....	43	1420	1674	..... Mt. Tabor
131	...	...	5	530	1200	1200	500	1383	242	.....	.....	406	3325	4261	..... Newark
20	1	...	5	158	700	700	96	275	150	.....	60	.....	1281	1439	.....Newmarket
.....	...	...	...	45	500	501	36	51	34	360	.....	1	982	1028	.....Nichols Mem'l
144	1	1	...	321	840	850	600	884	150	890	612	90	3986	4397	...North Baltimore
120	...	...	5	313	1000	1000	.....	960	140	955	1000	544	4055	4942	N.Carolina Avenue
7	...	...	...	130	325	325	60	58	27	50	17	20	437	687	..... Oak Grove

COLLECTIONS FOR GENERAL

Charge	President.		Conference.		Ministerial Ed'n		Seminary.		College.		Superannuates.		Church Exte'n.		Home Missions.		Foreign Miss'ns		Total.	
	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid
Oxford	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	8	8	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	177	177
Parksley	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	13	10	39	25	35	25	21	10	24	20	182	141
Patapsco	8	...	1	...	2	...	4	...	5	...	9	...	9	...	5	...	6	...	49	...
Payson Street	12	12	2	1	3	2	8	8	7	1	19	10	18	6	11	4	12	6	92	50
Pipe Creek	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	10	10	34	34	32	32	19	19	22	22	162	162
Pittsville	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	12	12	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	139	139
Pocomake City	45	45	6	6	9	9	28	28	11	11	66	66	61	61	38	38	42	42	306	306
Pocomoke Cir	12	12	2	2	3	1	8	8	7	2	19	7	18	12	11	3	12	3	92	50
Potomac	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	8	8	12	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	135	135
Powellville	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	10	4	4	24	24	21	21	14	14	14	14	106	106
Prince George	8	8	1	1	2	1	4	4	4	4	9	9	9	6	5	4	6	4	48	41
Quantico	15	15	2	1	2	1	10	2	10	2	24	5	21	5	14	3	14	5	112	39
Queen Anne	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	10	8	8	24	24	21	21	14	14	14	14	110	110
Reliance	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	10	14	14	24	24	21	21	14	14	14	14	116	116
Rhode Island Ave.	75	75	12	12	15	15	45	45	13	13	102	102	105	116	51	69	82	82	500	529
Rowlandville	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	10	6	2	24	10	21	5	14	6	14	10	108	62
Salisbury	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	13	13	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	182	182
Salem	15	15	2	2	2	2	10	10	4	4	24	24	21	21	14	14	14	14	106	106
Seaford	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	12	12	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	181	181
Snow Hill	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	13	13	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	182	182
South Baltimore...	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	10	10	39	39	35	35	21	16	24	24	179	174
Starr	65	65	9	9	13	13	42	42	11	11	99	99	91	91	55	55	63	63	448	448
Stewartstown	22	22	4	4	5	5	14	14	11	11	34	34	32	32	19	19	22	22	163	163
St. James	30	30	5	5	6	6	20	20	6	6	47	47	44	44	26	26	30	30	214	214
St. Johns	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	3	3	16	16	14	14	9	9	10	10	73	73
" Madi'n Ave. ....	...	...	...	1	...	...	10	...	...	...	30	...	20	...	...	...	310	...	371	...
St. Lukes	25	25	4	4	5	5	16	16	16	16	39	39	35	35	21	21	24	24	185	185
St. Michaels	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	7	7	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	134	134
Susquehanna	30	30	5	5	6	6	20	20	9	9	47	47	41	44	26	26	30	30	217	217
Sussex	25	25	4	4	5	4	16	14	20	10	39	15	35	20	21	10	24	10	189	112
Talbot	12	12	2	1	3	3	8	8	8	8	19	16	18	10	11	5	12	6	93	69
Trinity	30	30	5	3	6	4	20	15	13	11	47	40	44	36	26	20	30	22	211	181
Union	30	30	5	5	6	6	20	20	14	14	47	47	44	44	26	26	30	30	222	222
Union Bridge	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	8	8	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	135	135
Violetville	8	8	1	1	2	2	4	4	7	7	9	9	9	9	5	5	6	6	51	51
Waltersville	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	17	17	28	28	26	26	16	16	18	18	144	144
Warwick	20	20	3	3	4	4	12	12	8	8	28	23	26	26	16	16	18	18	135	135
Waverly	12	...	2	...	3	...	8	...	7	...	19	...	18	...	11	...	12	16	92	16
West Baltimore	65	65	9	9	13	13	42	42	28	28	99	99	91	91	55	55	63	66	465	468
Westminster	55	55	8	8	12	12	36	36	9	20	86	86	79	79	49	49	54	54	388	399
W. Wilmington	10	10	3	3	2	2	6	6	12	12	16	16	14	14	9	9	10	10	82	82
Williamsport	12	12	2	2	3	...	8	8	7	...	19	...	18	...	11	...	12	12	92	34
Wilmington	20	20	3	2	4	4	12	3	8	5	23	18	26	18	16	10	18	12	135	97
Wye	12	12	2	2	3	3	8	8	8	8	19	19	18	18	11	11	12	12	93	93

AND LOCAL INTERESTS

Special for Missions.	Bible.	Tract.	Church Home.	Total Gen. Interests.	Pastor's Salary.		Parsonage Rent.	Current Expenses.	Sun-School Exp'ses.	Paid on Building and Improvement.	Paid on Debt.	Miscellaneous.	Total Local Interests.	Total all Purposes.	Charge
					Ass'd	Paid.									
15	1	1	5	199	550	550	150	90	65	68	50	57	1073	1323	..... Oxford
35	1	1	5	183	650	650	180	150	100	25	131	23	1236	1441	..... Parksley
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..... Patapsco
...	...	...	...	50	400	400	...	278	93	...	...	5	787	842	..... Payson Street
64	1	1	10	238	575	575	100	95	70	210	...	60	1050	1348	..... Pipe Creek
17	...	...	...	156	600	600	50	75	80	400	200	...	1405	1561	..... Pittsville
67	1	1	10	379	900	900	150	246	75	90	...	6	1561	1946	..... Pocomoke City
1	...	...	...	51	300	306	50	22	15	1314	...	1	1707	1752	Pocomoke Circuit
12	1	1	3	152	450	381	150	97	81	513	93	2	1315	1470	..... Potomac
...	...	...	3	109	425	425	75	25	9	26	...	5	560	674	..... Powellville
2	...	...	...	43	125	125	...	20	20	...	...	21	165	229	..... Prince George
...	...	...	...	39	350	350	75	...	25	250	...	2	700	741	..... Quantico
73	1	...	12	196	450	450	100	120	46	139	492	16	1347	1559	..... Queen Anne
34	1	1	5	157	525	525	100	58	75	25	...	44	783	984	..... Reliance
182	1	1	15	728	2000	2000	...	800	500	600	...	300	3900	4928	..... Rhode Island Ave
...	...	...	1	63	400	404	...	100	44	553	...	9	902	974	..... Rowlandville
32	1	1	5	221	900	900	150	375	229	40	...	112	1695	2028	..... Salisbury
10	1	1	5	123	400	400	100	75	20	695	...	10	1290	1424	..... Salem
35	5	1	3	225	700	750	125	285	75	210	165	46	1610	1881	..... Seaford
11	1	...	10	204	700	700	36	160	50	250	1734	10	2130	3144	..... Snow Hill
...	2	1	5	182	600	600	240	209	88	300	65	6	1502	1660	..... South Baltimore
...	1	1	10	460	1300	1300	240	1200	225	100	...	38	3065	3563	..... Starr
38	1	1	10	213	600	600	100	200	220	175	625	64	1920	2198	..... Stewartstown
55	2	2	15	288	650	650	125	175	30	...	1159	11	2139	2438	..... St. James
...	2	1	1	77	400	400	...	135	108	33	117	194	793	1064	..... St. Johns
...	1	1	5	378	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	378	St. Johns, M'd. Ave
14	...	...	5	204	900	900	420	709	296	1817	4072	...	8216	8420	..... St. Lukes
15	1	1	10	161	500	500	100	200	60	25	...	417	885	1463	..... St. Michaels
122	1	1	6	347	600	600	150	160	54	69	303	69	1336	1752	..... Susquehanna
89	1	...	5	207	609	537	125	200	80	...	196	6	1138	1351	..... Sussex
22	...	...	5	96	400	400	...	21	35	22	83	...	562	658	..... Talbot
30	1	1	5	218	850	850	150	100	50	300	350	28	1800	3638	..... Trinity
70	1	1	5	299	700	700	75	100	50	1300	...	3	2225	2527	..... Union
45	2	2	6	190	500	600	150	167	110	172	100	132	1299	1621	..... Union Bridge
7	...	...	2	60	400	400	...	100	91	...	...	16	591	667	..... Violetville
26	1	1	1	173	650	650	75	120	60	200	...	12	1105	1290	..... Waltersville
3	...	...	1	139	500	500	100	113	30	63	20	28	826	994	..... Warwick
...	...	...	...	16	500	121	144	...	...	...	...	...	265	281	..... Waverly
509	4	2	...	983	1000	1000	300	1126	599	215	1000	358	4240	5618	..... W. Baltimore
31	1	1	10	442	1000	1000	240	323	152	90	...	93	1805	2341	..... Westminster
21	...	...	...	103	500	500	...	350	75	...	...	1	925	1021	..... West Wilmington
5	...	...	...	39	225	254	...	17	24	185	...	27	480	546	..... Williamsport
5	1	...	2	105	700	500	...	350	100	50	50	40	1050	1195 Wilmington
5	1	...	5	104	400	450	100	60	85	1500	...	5	2145	2254 Wye

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Accomac.....	2	223	12	12	9	...	2	1	2	22	15	195	3	16		
Alexandria.....	24	260	2	2	19	4	8	3	1	28	59	329	1	59	1	51	6	21	15		
Alnutt Memo'al	2	10	491	30	27	...	2	...	39	6	34	5	1	42	23	356	1	210	1	43	1	33	25
Amelia .....	...	2	185	1	7	...	...	...	8	3	20	1	3	25	73	119	...	...	...	...	...	...
Baltimore .....	...	2	250	11	10	...	...	...	12	1	6	2	3	21	25	125	3	50	...	...	8	4
Bedford.....	...	2	317	...	9	...	...	...	9	...	...	4	6	50	...	350	...	...	...	...	14	10
Belair.....	...	...	231	...	...	10	...	6	3	...	1	4	36	15	225	3	45	...	...	1	9	10
Bethany.....	2	...	106	...	...	20	...	10	3	2	3	1	16	69	201	1	25	1	60	1	22	6
Broadway.....	2	...	143	2	2	...	...	4	2	1	1	1	22	10	300	...	...	1	30	...	10	2
Brooklyn	12	78	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	...	2	2	20	18	115	1	12	...	...	4	...	
Cambridge.....	2	...	245	...	...	...	...	5	2	5	4	3	38	11	300	...	...	...	...	18	3	
Cannon .....	...	1	69	26	27	...	...	35	...	...	...	1	20	26	106	1	23	1	30	...	1	26
Campbell	1	4	198	3	6	...	8	...	36	2	14	1	3	14	25	115	...	...	...	20	3	10
Caroline .....	...	...	158	27	27	...	...	49	9	36	1	3	40	15	220	3	98	...	...	10	28	
Cecil .....	...	26	251	37	12	...	2	...	22	...	2	3	30	16	210	1	37	1	16	11	21	31
Centreville.....	1	...	167	...	...	...	...	3	4	...	2	1	14	11	125	1	63	1	30	...	16	4
Chesapeake	2	2	108	2	2	...	5	...	2	3	17	2	1	14	...	110	...	...	...	...	...	2
Chestertown.....	38	241	38	6	...	...	14	...	...	...	5	1	80	20	290	1	78	1	60	1	5	55
Chincoteague ..	...	...	123	...	2	...	4	...	8	...	...	2	1	24	25	174	1	30	...	...	4	28
Christ Church...	1	2	125	4	3	...	...	14	6	...	1	1	23	148	180	1	19	...	...	1	7	...
Clayton	12	176	23	17	...	...	33	...	7	2	3	38	15	236	...	...	...	...	...	5	25	38
Clinton Hill.....	1	2	116	5	3	...	3	...	34	6	1	1	125	47	372	1	52	1	60	...	8	4	
Concord.....	...	9	280	9	...	...	...	1	6	4	2	3	25	...	150	2	40	...	...	1	7	18
Conquest.....	15	308	14	16	...	1	...	19	1	4	1	5	50	75	350	...	...	...	...	11	...	12
Crisfield.....	68	279	43	12	...	3	...	23	4	...	4	1	32	168	503	1	90	1	101	4	22	66	
Crumpton .....	...	...	95	...	...	1	...	...	...	6	1	2	21	...	69	1	12	...	...	11	...	...
Cumberland.....	...	...	230	...	...	...	42	...	37	5	2	25	120	277	2	80	1	80	5	42	35	
Deer Creek.....	...	1	134	1	...	28	...	1	...	2	1	2	25	16	140	1	22	1	26	...	10	2	
Deer Park.....	1	3	213	...	3	...	...	5	3	9	3	4	48	55	287	2	48	...	...	15	...	...
Delmar.....	1	30	236	30	...	...	...	2	3	...	2	2	30	...	325	1	10	...	...	5	10	90
Delta .....	...	...	126	...	...	1	...	3	...	19	2	1	20	9	136	1	35	1	36	...	20	1
Denton .....	...	...	89	1	...	1	...	3	1	12	...	1	20	11	156	1	45	1	45	...	10	2
Dorchester	33	291	1	7	...	...	11	1	...	1	4	30	11	200	...	...	...	...	3	14	34	
Dover.....	12	103	8	...	...	2	...	26	2	...	1	1	14	23	75	1	15	1	34	...	5	6
East Baltimore..	...	6	180	24	20	...	4	...	30	7	23	5	1	19	25	180	1	20	1	10	...	11	25
Easton .....	...	...	247	7	7	...	...	13	1	1	2	1	24	28	165	1	45	...	...	7	7	
Elizabeth	64	213	25	11	...	...	20	6	...	3	1	41	90	404	1	61	1	70	8	12	41	
Eutaw .....	...	...	85	13	13	...	...	16	15	1	...	1	1	28	88	1	32	1	21	...	1	17
Evergreen.....	...	9	50	9	...	...	...	13	1	6	1	1	18	30	93	1	37	1	53	2	8	23
Fairfax.....	1	3	195	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	46	3	217	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Fairview.....	...	10	40	...	...	6	...	...	4	3	1	1	12	...	60	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Fawn Grove.....	...	55	385	80	25	...	...	32	5	27	1	3	45	165	405	2	123	1	40	12	14	155
Federalsburg...	...	7	67	3	3	...	...	5	...	...	1	1	18	8	132	1	23	1	35	...	5	5
Felton	1	12	107	41	29	...	7	...	29	2	17	3	2	23	10	128	...	...	...	3	10	15
Finksburg.....	...	75	352	76	1	...	4	...	5	4	...	3	4	59	19	344	4	129	2	73	...	10	87
First Church....	1	15	177	2	25	...	16	1	1	25	32	205	1	48	1	45	...	35	17	

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Fox Hill.....	2	5	70	5	3	1	1	18	14	142	1	43	1	17	...	16	5
Franklin City ...	1	58	247	51	19	2	6	...	4	63	74	402	19	7	80
Frederick	1	2	182	20	16	...	3	...	19	3	4	...	4	73	29	303	1	53	...	...	1	22	29
Georgeto'n, D.C	...	8	281	14	8	...	...	...	15	4	...	4	1	20	31	180	1	50	...	...	1	8	14
Georgeto'n, Del.	1	...	167	...	...	...	21	...	...	1	...	...	1	22	...	180	1	35	1	40	...	8	2
Georgeto'n Cir.	1	33	136	33	6	...	1	...	13	...	15	5	3	29	24	207	1	29	1	5	2	15	41
Greenwood .....	...	47	293	59	10	2	...	...	15	4	19	2	3	49	...	270	1	20	1	20	10	24	84
Grove .....	...	16	192	18	2	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	4	40	...	150	...	...	...	...	...	8	18
Hampden	3	18	437	32	24	...	...	...	40	...	53	3	1	53	112	347	1	45	2	80	2	19	39
Harbeson .....	...	...	199	2	8	...	11	...	5	1	1	3	3	21	...	150	...	...	...	...	...	17	10
Harper's Ferry..	...	3	81	1	...	...	...	...	2	4	...	2	2	20	10	140	...	...	...	...	...	5	5
Harrington	1	72	268	34	4	...	...	...	8	2	6	1	2	41	63	241	3	90	1	35	...	10	41
Heathsville .....	...	...	349	...	...	...	...	...	24	3	16	4	2	22	50	160	1	25	...	...	18	2	37
Howard.....	...	14	201	11	7	...	1	...	10	2	...	1	4	33	41	243	3	49	...	...	1	26	16
Hurlock.....	...	16	139	23	10	...	3	...	18	...	...	1	4	43	24	274	1	35	...	...	...	15	52
Indian River.....	...	...	44	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	3	1	1	5	...	70	...	...	...	...	10	4	
Jefferson.....	1	...	186	2	12	...	...	...	13	1	2	3	2	38	18	260	1	99	1	46	...	4	5
Keen Memorial..	...	19	181	18	55	...	...	...	72	4	2	2	1	2	30	280	1	63	1	55	...	6	...
Kempton.....	2	38	401	6	6	...	14	...	6	...	68	5	4	30	10	340	1	23	...	...	1	19	40
Kennedyville....	...	2	144	21	23	...	...	...	24	3	...	1	1	9	6	56	...	...	...	...	2	8	21
Kent Island.....	...	14	126	8	7	...	...	...	8	1	...	...	...	2	10	4	75	2	20	...	...	10	13
Lauraville .....	...	1	39	1	...	...	...	...	40	...	...	1	1	11	50	92	1	31	...	...	1	1	23
Laurel.....	2	23	194	8	...	...	...	...	3	5	1	2	1	18	25	150	1	24	1	44	1	8	8
Lawsonia .....	...	...	79	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	2	1	13	...	75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Leeds.....	...	7	169	2	2	1	1	...	3	3	...	...	...	2	15	5	46	1	37	...	...	8	3
Leipsic .....	...	14	43	3	...	...	6	...	1	...	10	1	1	9	10	70	...	...	...	...	1	7	3
Lewistown	1	3	143	...	...	1	...	...	8	...	...	1	2	21	...	191	2	82	...	...	...	8	2
Liberty .....	...	10	205	8	5	...	4	...	5	1	...	4	4	48	16	260	1	28	...	...	...	8	8
Lisbon .....	...	3	280	20	16	...	1	...	12	3	...	5	4	40	...	175	1	20	...	...	20	17	
Lynchburg.....	...	...	122	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	4	...	...	1	15	16	85	1	21	1	29	1	3
Mardela.....	...	3	201	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	2	1	4	30	70	380	2	69	3	162	8	22	5
Mariners .....	...	3	192	1	20	...	...	...	23	3	25	2	1	20	...	180	...	...	...	...	12	1	
Marley .....	...	24	73	3	1	...	...	...	5	...	...	2	3	15	30	69	1	17	...	...	...	7	3
Middleway .....	...	1	97	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	20	4	40	...	...	...	...	...	...
Millville.	3	3	121	25	25	...	2	...	52	...	...	1	2	18	5	50	1	25	1	...	2	32	...
Milton .....	...	10	115	3	6	...	4	...	6	3	35	2	1	15	7	69	1	29	1	25	...	2	8
Montgomery ....	...	13	106	4	4	...	...	...	6	6	...	...	4	32	45	201	...	...	...	...	11	12	
Mt. Nebo.....	2	...	110	...	...	19	...	...	1	...	18	1	2	19	10	151	2	30	...	...	...	6	2
Mt. Tabor.....	1	1	135	11	10	...	...	...	16	2	...	...	...	1	20	12	85	1	38	1	35	5	16
Newark .....	...	3	234	1	1	...	2	...	6	9	...	4	1	27	20	107	1	62	1	38	...	6	2
Newmarket .....	...	...	316	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	...	4	4	58	35	390	2	80	...	...	...	7	5
Nichols Memo'l	...	7	121	18	10	...	9	...	10	1	2	...	3	21	16	125	...	...	...	...	15	22	
North Baltimore	3	3	208	2	3	...	3	...	33	7	9	6	1	17	40	120	1	28	...	...	10	3	
N. C. Avenue	4	189	26	3	3	3	1	22	58	218	1	56	...	46	1	13	26
Oak Grove.....	1	7	139	8	3	3	1	...	3	1	13	10	58	8	...	13
Oxford	164	33	1	16	...	76	1	45	1	30	...	13	35

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Parksley	5	203	3	3	7	1	2	34	50	283	1	49	...	1	12	
Patapsco	5	
Payson Street ...	3	44	3	2	2	4	...	1	17	9	100	1	26	1	35	3	12	19	
Pipe Creek .....	...	210	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	3	2	32	5	112	1	49	1	16	4	4	...	
Pittsville	22	345	22	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	4	32	12	237	...	...	...	...	...	14	55	
Pocomoke City..	1	13	268	13	1	18	...	5	8	...	4	2	31	15	234	1	28	1	36	...	4	14
Pocomoke Circ't	1	15	139	6	3	...	...	10	2	...	1	3	18	50	126	1	25	...	...	7	11	
Potomac .....	...	2	133	9	7	...	...	9	2	...	2	2	24	38	158	1	44	...	...	14	7	
Powellville	1	5	143	23	18	...	...	21	5	...	1	1	9	...	55	...	...	...	...	14	31	
Prince George...	...	8	92	26	19	...	...	20	1	...	2	2	16	13	91	...	...	...	...	28	...	52
Quantico .....	...	11	158	39	30	...	1	30	2	...	3	5	30	...	140	...	...	...	...	21	14	39
Queen Anne	1	3	154	6	3	...	1	8	1	...	1	2	27	12	107	2	81	...	...	...	5	11
Reliance .....	...	3	216	5	4	...	3	4	...	...	...	3	32	7	245	1	35	...	...	23	4	
R. I. Avenue ...	2	...	450	100	120	...	...	195	5	3	6	1	36	180	511	1	110	1	180	10	12	110
Rowlandville .....	...	...	120	...	...	...	...	45	1	1	2	2	25	17	137	1	21	...	...	8	14	44
Salisbury .....	...	4	280	15	15	...	24	25	5	29	2	1	22	120	346	1	110	1	54	2	5	12
Salem .....	...	...	115	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	1	17	15	115	1	53	1	23	...	3	4
Seaford .....	...	1	258	4	9	...	...	10	5	13	3	1	22	35	300	1	48	1	66	1	14	3
Snow Hill	2	4	369	...	...	...	...	60	6	...	4	2	20	63	150	1	80	...	...	7	14	131
South Baltimore	2	10	145	...	7	...	12	26	7	13	3	1	28	25	150	1	35	...	...	...	18	7
Starr .....	...	27	253	4	...	...	...	12	1	...	2	1	23	35	244	1	47	1	26	1	31	10
Stewartstown ...	2	28	254	27	11	...	...	16	6	...	2	2	31	35	270	2	65	1	20	18	8	35
St. James .....	...	4	244	3	4	...	...	9	1	...	2	2	26	20	130	1	37	...	...	2	13	1
St. Johns	1	23	79	6	2	...	13	28	5	5	3	1	20	38	303	1	40	1	147	1	12	36
St. Lukes	1	2	150	2	...	2	...	1	3	2	...	1	26	38	254	1	39	...	...	...	6	3
St. Michaels	1	10	143	2	4	...	1	5	1	...	2	2	23	13	108	2	61	1	20	1	11	12
Susquehanna	1	...	242	9	9	...	3	11	1	...	5	3	37	...	160	2	59	...	...	1	8	9
Sussex	1	12	352	23	12	...	...	12	1	18	3	4	68	5	350	...	...	...	...	...	3	25
Talbot .....	...	1	76	6	5	...	3	8	1	11	1	3	25	14	117	...	...	...	...	28	8	...
Trinity	1	...	218	4	8	...	...	10	1	...	3	2	18	10	213	1	21	1	20	...	4	4
Union	2	15	302	40	25	...	10	28	...	1	4	4	40	35	275	...	...	...	...	...	14	78
Union Bridge .....	...	...	160	...	...	...	...	9	1	...	2	1	32	20	170	1	94	...	...	1	6	16
Violetville .....	...	4	68	8	9	...	...	12	4	...	...	1	27	49	140	1	27	1	47	4	17	16
Waltersville	1	16	170	16	38	...	25	39	2	20	2	2	32	5	290	2	80	1	40	1	11	14
Warwick .....	...	...	110	11	11	...	...	13	...	29	15	2	12	4	64	1	51	1	20	2	8	4
Waverly .....	...	...	31	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	...	1	19	...	130	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
West Baltimore..	2	26	357	28	19	...	...	29	5	...	9	1	51	261	596	2	250	1	90	...	13	10
Westminster .....	...	...	285	...	...	...	...	13	5	1	3	1	27	10	162	1	67	1	45	1	3	7
West Wilming'n	3	40	64	2	...	...	1	7	4	...	2	1	25	2	212	1	35	1	35	...	7	2
Williamsport .....	...	...	77	...	...	4	...	14	...	...	1	2	22	...	108	1	25	...	...	12	8	11
Wilmington	3	132	12	10	12	48	22	12	1	11	10	70	6	21	17
Wye	1	96	...	4	8	...	4	...	2	14	...	75	1	40	1	20	1	20	3

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Accomac	2	2	1	6000	800	1000	600	16	20	3	4	12	8	28	26	16	18	135
Alexandria	1	1	1	17000	2300	1750	7000	16	20	3	4	12	8	28	26	16	18	135
Alnutt Memor'l	1	1	1	48000	6000	.....	14800	22	65	9	13	42	21	99	91	55	63	458
Amelia.....	4	4	1	4025	900	98	800	10	15	2	2	10	7	24	21	14	14	109
Baltimore	3	3	1	4000	1500	.....	3200	5	20	3	4	12	12	28	26	16	18	139
Bedford	6	6	1	10000	1000	.....	1000	28	30	5	6	20	22	47	44	26	30	230
Belair	4	4	1	17000	5000	280	10750	20	30	5	6	20	13	47	44	26	30	221
Bethany	1	1	...	4000	.....	500	3000	5	10	3	2	6	9	16	14	9	10	79
Broadway	1	1	1	40000	6000	3900	850	12	25	4	5	16	13	39	35	21	24	182
Brooklyn.....	2	2	2	11500	3000	.....	5500	16	20	3	4	12	8	28	26	16	18	135
Cambridge	3	3	1	6000	2000	900	6000	20	30	5	6	20	16	47	44	26	30	224
Campbell	5	5	...	3814	.....	.....	.....	9	12	2	3	8	3	19	18	11	12	88
Cannon	1	1	...	1600	.....	.....	1600	1	3	1	1	3	1	5	7	4	5	38
Caroline	4	4	1	6000	1000	.....	2600	12	25	4	5	16	13	39	35	21	24	182
Cecil	3	3	1	8000	2000	.....	10000	8	20	3	4	12	10	28	26	16	18	137
Centreville	1	1	1	13500	2500	.....	6500	28	18	3	4	10	6	25	23	15	17	121
Chesapeake	2	2	1	5000	2000	.....	5420	5	25	4	5	16	10	39	35	21	24	179
Chestertown	1	1	1	30000	5000	.....	15340	37	65	9	13	42	17	99	91	55	63	454
Chincoteague	1	1	1	2000	1000	.....	2000	...	20	3	4	12	9	28	26	16	18	136
Christ Church	1	1	...	8000	.....	3312	4000	11	8	1	2	4	8	9	9	5	6	52
Clayton	3	3	1	9000	1700	775	8200	11	25	4	5	16	11	39	35	21	24	180
Clinton Hill.....	1	1	...	29000	.....	13000	12000	2	15	2	2	10	12	24	21	14	14	114
Concord.....	3	3	1	4700	500	.....	2500	24	25	4	5	16	14	39	35	21	24	183
Conquest.....	5	5	1	10000	2000	700	5600	26	25	4	5	16	21	39	35	21	24	190
Crisfield.....	1	1	1	29000	2000	1800	11000	19	45	6	9	28	20	66	61	38	42	315
Crumpton	2	2	1	3500	600	.....	2000	5	15	2	2	10	7	24	21	14	14	109
Cumberland	2	1	1	12000	5000	4850	11000	25	22	4	5	14	8	34	32	19	22	160
Deer Creek.....	2	2	1	5700	1500	.....	7500	10	15	2	2	10	7	24	21	14	14	109
Deer Park.....	4	4	1	6600	1500	75	6500	5	20	3	4	12	21	28	26	16	18	148
Delmar	2	2	1	5000	1835	.....	4200	12	25	4	5	16	20	39	35	21	24	189
Delta	1	1	1	4500	2500	90	2900	8	20	3	4	12	5	28	26	16	18	132
Denton.....	1	1	1	5600	2000	.....	4650	8	15	2	2	10	7	24	21	14	14	109
Dorchester	4	4	1	6000	1500	.....	6500	40	25	4	5	16	16	39	35	21	24	185
Dover	1	1	...	6000	100	350	2175	7	10	3	2	6	6	16	14	9	10	76
East Baltimore	1	1	1	25000	1200	500	6000	30	45	6	9	28	15	66	61	38	42	310
Easton	1	1	1	15000	2000	.....	9000	35	45	6	9	28	10	66	61	38	42	305
Elizabeth	1	1	...	16300	.....	4800	13500	16	45	6	9	28	25	66	61	38	42	320
Eutaw	1	1	1	2000	2000	.....	6000	11	19	3	4	9	5	24	22	14	15	115
Evergreen	1	1	...	1800	.....	500	1400	2	10	3	2	6	5	16	14	9	10	75
Fairfax	4	4	...	5000	.....	.....	4000	11	12	2	3	8	12	19	18	11	12	97
Fairview	1	1	...	1800	.....	.....	1000	2	8	1	2	4	3	9	9	5	6	47
Fawn Grove....	3	3	1	20000	1000	.....	7155	13	25	4	5	16	12	39	35	21	24	181
Federalsburg ...	1	1	1	6000	2000	500	4400	7	5	1	2	4	2	9	9	5	6	43
Felton	4	5	1	5000	100	100	1000	4	20	3	4	12	6	28	26	16	18	133
Finksburg.....	4	4	1	18000	2000	1042	11700	25	25	4	5	16	18	39	35	21	24	187
First Church....	1	1	1	25000	5000	3500	3500	10	25	4	5	16	13	39	35	21	24	182

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Fox Hill	1	1	1	1600	800	150	1000	8	8	1	2	4	6	9	9	5	6	50
Franklin City...	4	4	1	7000	800	3100	20	25	4	5	16	22	39	35	21	24	191
Frederick	4	4	1	5500	1500	.....	4500	18	22	4	5	14	19	34	32	19	22	171
Geo'town, D.C.	1	1	1	20000	5000	150	11100	27	55	8	12	36	9	86	79	49	54	888
Geo'town, Del.	1	1	1	3000	3500	1800	3400	8	18	3	4	10	10	25	23	15	17	125
Geo'town Cir't	3	3	...	3200	.....	.....	2100	1	12	2	3	8	11	19	18	11	12	96
Greenwood.....	3	3	1	8200	2000	1845	9300	13	22	4	5	14	13	34	32	19	22	165
Grove	4	4	1	6500	600	.....	.....	12	20	3	4	12	9	28	26	16	18	136
Hampden	1	1	1	16000	1500	.....	12000	15	40	6	8	24	17	59	55	32	40	281
Harbeson.....	3	3	1	3400	1000	.....	.....	5	10	3	2	6	10	16	14	9	10	80
Harpers Ferry..	2	2	1	6000	500	170	2600	3	20	3	4	12	9	28	26	16	18	136
Harrington	2	2	1	4500	1675	.....	4000	21	25	4	5	16	14	39	35	21	24	183
Heathsville.....	5	5	1	14000	1600	400	500	32	28	5	6	19	14	44	42	24	28	210
Howard	4	3½	1	7200	3100	.....	9750	22	25	4	5	16	14	39	35	21	24	183
Hurlock.....	4	4	1	4500	1200	255	3800	10	12	2	3	8	14	19	18	11	12	99
Indian River...	1	1	...	500	.....	.....	.....	3	5	1	2	4	2	9	9	5	6	43
Jefferson	2	2	1	21000	4500	.....	13800	38	60	9	13	38	12	90	84	52	58	416
Keen Memorial	1	1	...	10000	3000	.....	4000	2	12	2	3	8	13	19	18	11	12	98
Kemptown	4	4	1	6000	1000	.....	6300	22	20	3	4	12	19	28	26	16	18	146
Kennedville...	1	1	1	4750	1200	.....	4000	17	18	3	4	10	4	25	23	15	17	119
Kent Island ...	2	2	1	7000	1500	.....	2800	16	22	4	5	14	7	34	32	19	22	129
Lauraville	1	1	...	1035	.....	535	200	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Laurel	1	1	1	7000	3500	1960	6800	14	40	6	8	24	10	59	55	32	40	274
Laurel Circuit..	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	25	4	5	16	20	39	35	21	24	189
Lawsonia.....	1	1	1	3000	1000	600	2900	...	8	1	2	4	6	9	9	5	6	50
Leeds	2	2	1	4425	2075	235	4481	11	20	3	4	12	8	28	26	16	18	135
Leipsic	1	1	1	3000	800	.....	1500	4	5	1	2	4	5	9	9	5	6	46
Lewistown	3	3	...	2500	.....	.....	1734	1	8	1	2	4	8	9	9	5	6	52
Liberty	4	4	1	9600	2000	.....	6280	29	20	3	4	12	13	28	26	16	18	140
Lisbon	4	4	1	5000	1500	.....	4200	28	25	4	5	16	10	39	35	21	24	179
Lynchburg	1	1	...	20000	.....	.....	4000	10	25	4	5	16	6	39	35	21	24	175
Mardela	4	4	1	6300	950	.....	3200	12	12	2	3	8	14	19	18	11	12	99
Mariners	1	1	1	6000	1500	300	4000	3	22	4	5	14	15	34	32	19	33	167
Marley.....	3	2	...	3000	.....	15	800	5	6	1	2	4	2	9	9	5	6	44
Middleway	4	3	1	2000	550	.....	1200	2	12	2	3	8	2	19	18	11	12	87
Millville.....	3	3	1	2600	600	232	1400	3	10	3	2	6	4	16	14	9	10	74
Milton	1	1	1	1600	1000	.....	800	10	17	3	4	10	6	24	20	14	16	114
Montgomery ..	4	4	...	5600	.....	240	4400	3	5	1	2	4	15	9	9	5	6	58
Mt. Nebo.....	2	2	...	4600	.....	.....	3000	1	12	2	3	8	7	19	18	11	12	92
Mt. Tabor.....	1	1	...	8000	.....	.....	4900	6	22	4	5	14	6	34	32	19	22	158
Newark	1	1	1	35000	7000	.....	18000	11	55	8	12	36	6	86	79	49	54	885
Newmarket	4	4	1	13000	2300	340	5100	13	30	5	6	20	21	47	44	26	30	229
Nichols Memo'l	3	3	1	3650	1200	685	2800	14	12	2	3	8	7	19	18	11	12	92
North Baltim'e	1	1	1	30000	6000	6800	14000	30	25	4	5	16	6	39	35	21	24	175
N. C. Ave.	1	1	...	40000	7500	10000	22	22	4	5	14	10	34	32	19	22	162
Oak Grove	1	1	1	1500	700	1500	18	18	3	4	10	4	25	23	15	17	119

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Oxford	1	1	1	3000	2500	3300	8	27	4	5	19	8	42	40	22	26	193	
Parksley	2	2	1	5400	2000	1694	4800	10	22	4	5	14	13	34	32	19	22	165	
Patapsco	1	1	...	1000	.....	.....	.....	...	8	1	2	4	5	9	9	5	6	49
Payson Street ..	1	1	...	1500	.....	.....	1500	...	12	2	3	8	7	19	18	11	12	92
Pipe Creek.....	2	2	1	9000	4000	.....	8000	24	22	4	5	14	10	34	32	19	22	162
Pittsville	4	4	1	8650	875	.....	1200	16	20	3	4	12	12	28	26	16	18	139
Pocomoke City	2	2	1	14000	3500	.....	7760	32	45	6	9	28	11	66	61	38	42	306
Pocomoke Cir't	3	3	1	2600	1100	358	1500	10	12	2	3	8	7	19	18	11	12	92	
Potomac	2	2	1	6000	1000	.....	6000	9	20	3	4	12	8	28	26	16	18	135
Powellville.....	4	4	1	3650	1150	10	900	...	15	2	2	10	4	24	21	14	14	106	
Prince Georqe.	2	2	...	1600	.....	.....	.....	3	8	1	2	4	4	9	9	5	6	48
Quantico	5	5	1	3800	900	100	650	3	15	2	2	10	10	24	21	14	14	112	
Queen Anne.....	2	2	1	5000	1000	512	4400	20	15	2	2	10	8	24	21	14	14	110	
Reliance	3	3	1	3500	1000	.....	1600	8	15	2	2	10	14	24	21	14	14	116
R. I. Avenue ...	1	1	...	50000	.....	2500	30000	32	80	13	17	49	23	111	114	56	88	550
Rowlandville ...	3	3	1	5000	1000	18	3800	5	15	2	2	10	6	24	21	14	14	108	
Salisbury.....	1	1	1	10000	2000	1835	11200	24	25	4	5	16	13	39	35	21	24	182	
Salem	1	1	1	4700	1300	120	3600	14	15	2	2	10	4	24	21	14	14	106	
Seaford	1	1	1	10000	1500	.....	6900	11	25	4	5	16	12	39	35	21	24	181
Snow Hill.	3	4	1	20000	3000	8600	10000	30	25	4	5	16	13	39	35	21	24	182	
South Baltimore	1	1	1	21000	2000	40	2500	22	25	4	5	16	10	39	35	21	24	179	
Starr	1	1	1	37000	3000	.....	13700	23	65	9	13	42	11	99	91	55	63	448
Stewartstown...	2	2	1	8000	1500	132	3642	11	25	4	5	16	11	39	35	21	24	180	
St. James.....	2	2	1	10000	2000	.....	7500	23	30	5	6	20	6	47	44	26	30	214
St. Johns.....	1	1	...	1500	.....	20	1000	6	10	3	2	6	3	16	14	9	10	73
St. Luke	1	1	1	15000	5000	.....	4000	3	25	4	5	16	16	39	35	21	24	185
St. Michaels ...	2	2	1	3500	1500	.....	3200	27	20	3	4	12	7	28	26	16	18	134
Susquehanna ...	3	3	1	6500	4200	1157	8400	26	30	5	6	20	9	47	44	26	30	217	
Sussex	4	4	1	5800	2000	658	6200	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Talbot	3	3	...	4000	.....	168	1000	8	12	2	3	8	8	19	18	11	12	93
Trinity.....	2	2	1	9000	3600	1600	13000	23	27	4	5	19	13	42	40	22	26	198	
Union.	4	4	1	5000	1000	.....	2300	18	30	5	6	20	14	47	44	26	30	222
Union Bridge...	2	2	1	9000	2500	600	5000	21	20	3	4	12	8	28	26	16	18	135	
Violetville.....	1	1	...	1000	.....	.....	1000	3	8	1	2	4	7	9	9	5	6	51
Waltersville	2	2	1	4500	1600	.....	6300	19	20	3	4	12	17	28	26	16	18	144
Warwick	3	3	1	4000	1100	.....	.....	18	20	3	4	12	8	28	26	16	18	135
Waverly.....	1	1	1	2000	1800	.....	1800	1	12	2	3	8	7	19	18	11	12	92
West Baltimore	1	1	1	36000	1500	7000	28800	60	65	9	13	42	28	99	91	55	63	465	
W. Wilmington	1	1	...	4000	.....	1800	1600	6	10	3	2	6	12	16	14	9	10	82
Westminster ...	1	1	1	25500	4000	.....	17300	42	55	8	12	36	9	86	79	49	54	388
Williamsport ...	3	2	...	1100	.....	.....	700	14	12	2	3	8	7	19	18	11	12	92
Wilmington ...	1	1	...	8500	.....	3300	4000	12	20	3	4	12	8	28	26	16	18	135
Wye	2	1	1	5000	2000	.....	3300	15	10	3	2	6	8	16	14	9	10	78
Balto. Book Con	...	...	...	22000	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pres. Parsonage	...	...	1	.....	6000	5523	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
W. T. Seminary	...	...	...	16000	.....	.....	5000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
W. M. College..	...	...	...	250000	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Our Ch. Home.	...	...	...	8000	.....	.....	3000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Total for General Interests

	1905	1904	Increase	Decrease
President	\$ 2966	\$ 2948	\$ 18	\$
Conference	409	412		3
Ministerial Education	559	544	15	
Seminary	1727	1786		59
College	1178	1310		132
Superannuates	3884	3466	418	
Church Extension	3570	3532	38	
Home Missions	2136	1900	236	
Foreign Missions	2729	2648	81	
Special for Foreign Missions	5939	4549	1390	
Bible	352	435		83
Tract	345	162	183	
Church Home	697	674	28	
Total	26491	24366	2115	

Total for Local Interests

Pastors' Salary	76498	75515	983	
Parsonage Rent	14128	14121	7	
Current Expenses	26857	27806		949
Sunday School Expenses	12216	11647	569	
Paid on Building and Improvements	61022	51814	9208	
Paid on Debt	20901	22757		1856
Miscellaneous	7481	6660	821	
Total for Local Interests	219103	210320	8783	
Total for all Purposes	245594	234686	10908	

Assessments

President	2994	3000		
Conference	478	475		
Ministerial Education	622	661		
Seminary	1910	1902		
College	1411	1418		
Superannuates	4577	4513		
Church Extension	4209	4184		
Home Missions	2548	2530		
Foreign Missions	2610	2875		

W. N. SHERWOOD,
Conference Steward.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Membership

	1905	1904	Increase	Decrease
Unstationed Ministers and Preachers.....	73	70	3	
Probationers.....	1395	1161	234	
Full Members.....	24571	24121	450	
Probationers Received.....	1564	1183	381	
Probationers Elected to Membership.....	1028	1018	10	
Probationers Withdrawn.....	5	9		4
Probationers Discontinued.....	336	318	18	
Probationers Deceased.....	4	17		13
Full Members Received.....	2124	1968	156	
Full Members Withdrawn.....	352	283	59	
Full Members Discontinued.....	984	832	154	
Full Members Deceased.....	287	274	13	
Sunday Schools.....	272	275		3
Sunday School Officers and Teachers.....	3559	3427	132	
New Scholars.....	3886	2656	1230	
Sunday School Scholars on Roll.....	25813	24434	1379	
Y. P. S. C. E.....	125	114	11	
Y. P. S. C. E. Members.....	4900	4021	879	
Junior C. E. Societies.....	63	56	7	
Junior C. E. Members.....	2745	2136	609	
Adults Baptized.....	322	161	161	
Children Baptized.....	1458	1404	54	
Conversions.....	2629	2023	606	

Property

Appointments.....	295	292	3	
Churches.....	291½	287½	4	
Parsonages.....	105	104	1	
Value of Church Property.....	1592499	1465469	127030	
Value of Parsonage Property.....	119810	210985	8825	
Debt on Churches and Parsonages.....	109274	83165	20586	
Insurance on Churches and Parsonages.....	720578	661851	58736	
Church Papers Taken.....	1897	1963		66

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RULES OF ORDER

for the

Government of the Maryland Annual Conference

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE.

1. Pastors shall send to the Secretary of the Annual Conference the certificate of election of the delegate or delegates to the Annual Conference immediately after the election of the same. He shall also send the name to the President of the Conference and the pastor of the church where the Conference is held.

2. The Secretary shall make a list of the delegates so certified, omitting all contested cases; and this list, together with the list of the ministerial members, shall constitute the roll of Conference upon which the Conference shall organize.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

Rule I—Duties of the President:—

1. To take the chair precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.
2. Preserve the most rigid order, and confine the members to the subject under consideration.

3. Not allow improper personalities nor reflections upon any religious communities.

4. Announce each person rising to speak as soon as he shall have addressed the chair by declaring him "The minister from —," or "The delegate from —."

5. State a question sitting, but stand when the question is put and taken; also when he states a point of order, and also when he makes any formal communication to the Conference.

6. Is not allowed to vote when a question is taken unless there be a tie, but he may vote in case of ballot.

7. May call any member to the chair when he wishes to participate in debate or for other purposes, but such person shall not be entitled to the chair after adjournment.

8. There shall be a meeting on Tuesday evening before the meeting of the Annual Conference in the interest of Temperance. On Wednesday evening (the first day of the session) there shall be a meeting in the interest of Sunday-Schools and Christian Endeavor; on Thursday evening, in the interest of Literature and Education; on Friday evening, in the interest of Missions, and on Monday evening, in the interest of Ministerial Support.

The President shall appoint a chairman and speakers for each of these meetings.

9. The office of stationing the ministers and preachers is committed to the hands of the President of the Conference.

10. It shall be the duty of the President to fill blanks in statistical reports for all charges unsupplied.

11. In the event of the death of any ministerial member the President shall immediately appoint an Obituary Committee from any number of the most intimate acquaintances of the deceased.

12. The failure of the President to visit any charge does not vitiate his right to the amount assessed for his salary.

13. The President shall represent the general interests of the Conference, and shall present their claims in such a manner and at such times as in his judgment may be necessary. And he shall use his utmost efforts with the Quarterly Conferences of the various charges to secure a salary of not less than \$600 for the minister with family, appointed as pastor, who has itinerated five years within the bounds of the Maryland Conference, and he shall urge upon the various charges the prompt payment of the salaries of the pastors, and upon all the churches the importance of being incorporated.

Rule II—Duties of the Secretary:—

1. To perform such duties as are usually required of the Secretary of a deliberative body.
2. Should the President not be in place at the hour of meeting the Secretary, or in his absence one of his assistants, shall announce the fact, and the Conference shall elect a chairman "pro tempore" and proceed to business.
3. Have charge of all the papers belonging to the Conference and be accountable for them.
4. Be in his place precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.
5. Keep an accurate list of members of the Conference.
6. Keep correct minutes of the proceedings of the Conference, including all written resolutions, whether adopted or rejected, and the mover and seconder of all written resolutions.
7. Keep a list of business, on which he shall record all business brought before the Conference and in the order of its presentation.
8. Keep a list of committees, on which he shall record: First, the standing committees in the order of their arrangement in these rules, and second, all other committees that may be appointed, and in the order of their appointment.
9. Keep a correct list of the Circuits and Stations, to be used as occasion may require.
10. Report to the Conference any unfinished business of the preceding annual session.
11. Be a member of the Committee on the Publication of the Minutes.
12. Supply the pastors with blanks.
13. He shall have a printed record of the Minutes duly certified by himself, which shall be considered the Official Minutes of the Conference, substantially bound every quadrennium, and include in each volume a copy of the General Conference Journal.

COMMITTEES.

Rule III—All committees shall be appointed by the President, except when otherwise directed in the Book of the Discipline, or by special vote of the Conference.

Rule IV—Standing Committees:—

1. Finance—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
2. Itinerancy and Orders—The Faculty of Instruction.
3. Pulpit Service—3 Ministers.
4. Church Extension—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
5. Superannuates—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
6. Literature—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
7. Sunday Schools—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
8. Temperance—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
9. Benevolent Agencies—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
10. Fraternal Relations—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
11. Official Character—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
12. Statistics—1 Minister, 1 Layman.
13. Obituaries—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. This committee not to be appointed until the death of some minister requires it.
14. Education—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
15. Committee on Missions—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
16. President's Report—2 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
17. Sabbath Observance—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
18. Committee on Credentials—2 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
19. Christian Endeavor Work—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
20. Publication of Minutes—The Secretary.

21. Committee on Transportation.

22. Committee on Church Enterprises—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

Rule V—Any person being a member of two committees shall have the right to decline an appointment to another.

MOTIONS.

Rule VI—Every motion shall be written, signed and read aloud by the mover, handed to the chair and read aloud by the Secretary, before any order can be taken upon it by the Conference; except motions for amendment, to lie on the table, the previous question, or to adjourn.

Rule VII—Any motion may be divided, if the sense will admit of the proposed division.

Rule VIII—When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to commit, to substitute, to amend, or to make the order of the day; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand in this rule; the first three to be taken without debate; and the first always in order. But when the report of a committee has been under discussion, the motion to lay on the table shall not prevail until the chairman of the committee shall have been heard once on the subject, if he desires to speak.

Rule IX—The question under discussion shall be put whenever a call for it is made by five brethren, and sustained by a majority of the Conference.

Rule X—When motions are made for reference of the same subject to a select committee, and to a standing committee, the question on reference to the standing committee shall be first put.

Rule XI—No motion to commit, or to lie on the table, being decided, shall be again allowed, on the same day, at the same stage of the proposition.

Rule XII—A motion, after it is seconded, is the property of the Conference, and the mover has no power to withdraw or have it amended, without leave.

Rule XIII—No amendment shall be in order, further than an amendment to the amendment.

Rule XIV—In filling up blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be first put. In balloting, blanks shall be rejected and not reported by the tellers.

DECORUM.

Rule XV—When a member desires to present any business, or to speak to any question, he shall arise and address the chair, "Brother President," and then pause until he is announced to the Conference; after which he may proceed addressing the chair, and restricting his remarks to the subject before the Conference.

Rule XVI—If two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall determine which of them is entitled to the floor.

Rule XVII—No interruption shall be allowed while a member is addressing the chair, except a call to order by the President or by a member.

Rule XVIII—When a member is called to order he shall take his seat immediately, and be silent, until the President or member who made the call shall state the rule of order supposed to be infringed; after which the member called to order shall have the right to explain, and the President shall decide.

Rule XIX—In deciding a question of order the President shall restrict himself to the rules of order, and any member declared to be out of order by the President may, if he obtain a second, appeal to the Conference. The question on such appeal shall be taken without debate, but the appellant may state the ground of his appeal. If the Conference sustains the chair, the member shall be allowed to proceed only in order.

Rule XX—No member shall speak oftener than twice to the same question, without special leave of the Conference, nor longer than fifteen minutes at any one time, unless by the same special permission.

Rule XXI—No member shall be allowed to explain remarks made in previous speech, except in regular debate, unless the member replying thereto requests it, or unless another member requests.

Rule XXII—Any member shall have the right to call or the reading of the subject under consideration.

Rule XXIII—Every member shall report at roll call of the first day's session, and be present at the daily sessions of Conference.

Rule XXIV—After the affirmative of a question has been put, any member who has not spoken before to the question may rise and speak before the negative is put.

Rule XXV—A member may change his vote at any time before the chair announces the decision of the question.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION.

Rule XXVI—At 9 o'clock A. M., on the day to which the Conference adjourned from the last annual session, the President shall open the Conference by reading a portion of the Word of God, singing and prayer.

Rule XXVII:—

1. Examination of the President. The President shall call another minister to the chair and read his annual report. The chairman shall then address the Conference thus: "Brethren, you have heard the report of the President; shall his character pass?" In case of any charge against the official character of the President, it shall be handed to the Standing District Committee; and the chairman of that committee shall answer the question, "Shall his character pass?"

2. Roll Call. The roll shall then be called. In the event of the death of any member of this Conference the President shall appoint some member to formally announce the fact to the Conference, and such announcement shall be made when the name of the deceased is reached in the calling of the Conference Roll, and the same shall then, on motion, be transferred to the Dead Roll by the Secretary in the presence of the Conference, and on Sunday afternoon during the session, immediately following the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, memorial services for the deceased shall be observed, when the Dead Roll shall be called.

Rule XXVIII—At 10:30 o'clock on the first day of each session of the Annual Conference the President, or his substitute, shall preach a sermon. On Sunday afternoon the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered. The President shall also appoint some one to preach the Ordination Sermon at 11 A. M. on Sunday.

Rule XXIX—At 2:30 o'clock P. M. on the first day of the session, the officers of the Conference shall be elected by ballot as follows: 1. President. 2. Secretary. 3. Conference Steward. 4. Church Extension Steward. 5. Superannuated Fund Steward. 6. Foreign Missionary Steward. 7. General Home Missionary Steward. 8. Educational Steward. 9. Our Church Home Steward. 10. Bible and Tract Steward. The Board of Stewards elected at one session to serve the following session of Conference, and the Conference Steward to appoint an assistant. 11. Standing District Committee, consisting of three elders and three laymen. 12. Committee of Appeals, three ministers and three laymen.

Rule XXX—Examination of Official Character. The roll shall be called and the pastors shall deposit their reports, and the collections prescribed by the Conference, each in a sealed envelope, upon which shall be marked the amount, the name of the collection, the name of the pastor and the name of the charge in the box of the Conference Steward. The reports and charges against official character shall be handed to the Committee on Official Character.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE DIURNAL SESSION.

Rule XXXI—The Conference shall be opened each day by reading the Scriptures, singing a hymn, and prayer.

Rule XXXII—The reading of the Minutes of the preceding day for correction shall be first in order.

Rule XXXIII—The President shall then announce that it is in order for delegates to present any business from the churches they represent; when any delegate, upon recognition by the Chair, may present any business, it shall be recorded without debate on the list of business.

Rule XXXIV—The business next in order shall be the Reports of Committees, called for in the order in which they stand on the List of Committees. They shall not report at any other time without special leave.

Rule XXXV—When any business is laid before the Conference it may be made the order of the day for any other day of the session and at a specific hour.

Rule XXXVI—Unfinished business from the last annual session shall have precedence of all business except the order of the day.

Rule XXXVII—Ordinary business shall have precedence in the order in which it stands on the List of Business.

Rule XXXVIII—When any business is taken into consideration it shall not be interrupted by any other business except the order of the day or by adjournment.

Rule XXXIX—When there are present Fraternal Messengers and other visitors to whom the courtesy of formal recognition is due, the Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations shall quietly inform the President, whereupon the President may request the visitors to be brought to him, to be by him introduced to the Conference, either at that time or when the state of business may with more propriety be arrested.

THE PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE.

Rule XL—The Conference endorses the action of the Committee in the purchase of the property, No. 1420 Linden Ave., Baltimore, as the President's parsonage.

Rule XLI—The assessment of \$3000 shall be continued under the name of "President's Salary," to be appropriated as follows: Seventy-five per cent. of the amount raised to be paid to the President as his salary and traveling expenses. Twenty-five per cent. of the amount raised to be paid to the Agent of the President's parsonage who shall pay out of this amount, first, the interest on the purchase money; second, the water rent, insurance and needful repairs of the property; third, the reduction of the principal of the loan.

DUTIES OF STEWARDS.

1. The Conference Steward, Church Extension Steward, Superannuated Fund Steward, Foreign Missionary Steward, General Home Missionary Steward, Educational Steward, Our Church Home Steward, and Bible and Tract Steward, shall constitute a Conference Board of Stewards, to whom the Secretary shall hand all reports and collections as received from pastors.

2. The Board of Stewards shall meet on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock and open the envelopes containing the various collections, count the money enclosed, noting its agreement with the statement of the official report, and on the envelope, and prepare a report of collections to the Conference. The money in hand shall then be passed to the persons designated by the Conference to receive it, and the Reports to the Committee on Official Reports.

3. Other duties belonging to the several Stewards shall be performed and reported upon separately as now.

DUTIES OF PASTORS.

1. The pastor shall seek the co-operation of the Stewards in collecting the assessments made by the Annual Conference, admonishing them of their duty in

this matter as contained in the Discipline, under the head of "Duties of Stewards," pp. 116-17.

2. It is the duty of pastors to examine and see that suitable deeds be had for all churches, so as to secure them to the Methodist Protestant Church, and, whenever possible, have them incorporated.

3. Pastors are required to apportion the President's salary equitably among the several appointments, and use their utmost endeavors to collect the same before the annual visit of the President.

4. Pastors are required to see that the families belonging to their respective charges are duly supplied with the Catechism of our Church.

5. Pastors are instructed to ascertain of those received into the Church whether they have been baptized, and if not, to administer the ordinance of baptism without unnecessary delay.

6. Every pastor is required to do his utmost to collect the full amount of the assessments made upon his charge, whatever may be the difficulties that he may encounter.

7. It is the duty of the pastor to preside on the trial of an accused unstationed minister or preacher.

8. Pastors are required to report to the Annual Conference the amounts contributed to Foreign Missions by the auxiliaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, and due credit shall be given the Minutes.

EXPENSES OF CONFERENCE.

The churches shall be assessed in a sum sufficient to meet the incidental expenses, including the publication of the Minutes—each church receiving Minutes in proportion to the amount contributed.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

The Conference shall be opened by reading a portion of the Word of God and prayer, after which the business shall proceed in the following order:—

1. Call the roll, noting those present and absent.
2. Read minutes of last meeting.
3. Make necessary corrections in official list.
4. Consider objections to official character.
5. At first Quarterly Conference elect a Secretary, an Advisory Committee and Committee on Examinations.
6. Hear reports—
 - a. From pastor and associates.
 - b. From superannuates.
 - c. From unstationed ministers, preachers and exhorters.
 - d. From class-leaders, S. S. Superintendents and Presidents of C. E. Societies.
 - e. From Trustees and Stewards.
7. Hear and decide on appeals.
8. Inquire faithfully whether candidates for exhorter's and preacher's license for itinerancy and orders pursue the prescribed course of study and reading.
9. Grant and renew licenses.
10. Recommend to Board of Ministerial Education.
11. Recommend for orders and itinerancy.
12. Consider applications of ministers and preachers who desire to become members of this Quarterly Conference.
13. Hear suggestions from Advisory Committee.
14. Inquire why church property is not insured.
15. Incidental business.
16. Fix place for next Quarterly Conference.
17. Adjourn with benediction.

SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY.

1. Every minister, preacher and member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-one years shall be entitled to vote in all cases.

2. All members in full communion and fellowship shall have the right to vote in the election of their class-leaders; and those who have attained the age of twenty-one years shall be "qualified members" for the purpose indicated in Section 3 of Article IV of the Constitution, and in divisions 1 and 4 of "General Duties of Trustees," found on pages 114 and 115 of Discipline.

3. Every minister, preacher and lay male member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-five years shall be eligible as a representative in the General Conference.

4. Every member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-one years shall be eligible as a Steward, Class-leader and Sunday-school Superintendent; and every male member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-one years shall be eligible as a Trustee and a Delegate to the Annual Conference.

5. No minister shall be eligible to the office of President of the Annual Conference until he shall have faithfully exercised the office of Elder two years.

ADMINISTERING ORDINANCES.

No person, in virtue merely of a license to preach, or even election to orders, is empowered to administer or assist in administering the Christian ordinances.

UNSTATIONED MINISTERS.

The Conference will not recognize as a minister of the Methodist Protestant Church any man who does not bring credentials from some other orthodox denomination, or who has not received suitable testimonials of ministerial character from our own Church. In returning the list of ministers and preachers, pastors shall name no person who does not possess the foregoing qualifications.

LOTTERIES.

The practice of raising funds for church purposes, by means of lotteries and other games of hazard, is disapproved by the Conference, and pastors are enjoined to discountenance their use.

MORTGAGING CHURCH PROPERTY.

The placing of mortgages upon church property, for the purpose, directly or indirectly, of paying the pastor's salary, is, so far as it has authority, disallowed by the Conference.

OBITUARIES.

1. It shall be the duty of the Committee, appointed in accordance with the Rule of Conference, to prepare an obituary, without delay, containing a notice of the place and date of the birth of the brother, the date of his conversion, receiving license to preach, and his reception into the Conference, together with any other important facts connected with his history which their judgment may dictate, in addition to the particulars of his death, and said obituary shall at once be forwarded to the "Methodist Protestant" for publication, and be reported to the ensuing session of Conference.

2. Every ministerial member of this Conference is hereby requested to make and keep by him a record of his nativity, and of all the prominent acts in his Christian and ministerial history.

3. The obituaries of wives and widows of the ministerial members of the Conference shall also be published in the Minutes.

MOTIONS TO FIX TIME AND PLACE.

All motions to fix time and place of the meeting of the Annual Conference shall lie on the table twenty-four hours.

MARRIAGES.

The Conference cannot encourage any of its members to expect support as married men until they shall have served at least four years in the itinerancy.

TITLES AND DEGREES.

Inasmuch as the degree of Doctor of Philosophy is the badge of University work and most rigid examinations—a degree which our better Colleges refuse to confer, and Universities do not confer for honor, but only for merit in advanced special studies—we feel sure no worthy institution would confer such a title for work done by correspondence, and the man who consents to bear a title so conferred subjects himself to the ridicule of scholars and involves the ministry in a charge of vanity and insincerity. Therefore, this Conference expresses its disapproval of this method of obtaining degrees, and declines to recognize in any way a title so obtained.

CAMP-MEETINGS.

Camp meetings shall have the sanction of Conference and receive ministerial aid from it on the following conditions:—

1. There shall be no traffic on the Lord's day on the camp-ground or the adjacent territory protected by the laws of the State.

2. The managers or other officers of the camp-meeting shall not bargain for or receive any portion of the money paid to railroads, or to the owner or owners of any conveyance or conveyances, as a consideration for conveying persons to the camp-ground, or the vicinity thereof, on the Lord's day.

4. No advertisement of the running of trains on the Lord's day shall be made by any of the persons referred to in the preceding paragraphs, nor shall anything be done by their authority or solicitation to contravene the foregoing regulations.

5. Upon receiving from a quarterly conference a request for ministerial supply and a pledge that the above regulations will be faithfully observed, the President of the Annual Conference shall appoint members of this Conference to assist in conducting the camp-meeting.

In the absence of a request and a pledge such as are named above, the President shall not appoint such ministerial supply, nor shall any member of this Conference conduct such camp-meeting as pastor.

Appointees to camp-meeting service must be given four weeks' notice of their appointment. If they find it inconvenient to attend they shall promptly present their excuse to the President. If the President declines to revoke their appointment, a failure to attend shall be reported to this Conference by the President.

MISSIONARY REGULATIONS.

1. Contributions for church extension shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Church Extension Society, that he may disburse the funds to the missionaries according to their various claims.

2. Pastors are instructed to have the Church Extension collections in the hands of the Treasurer by the end of the second quarter of the conference year.

3. The Committee on Church Extension shall ascertain what amount of funds may be regarded as available for church extension purposes the ensuing year.

4. Appropriations shall not exceed the amount which may reasonably be expected from collections and interest on legacies.

5. The Church Extension Society of this Conference shall elect seven Trustees for each mission, who shall hold all the property on our mission fields in trust of said Society, and yearly thereafter select a new Board of Trustees as long as the mission relation is sustained. But whenever the mission shall become a circuit or station, the "qualified members," at a meeting regularly called for the purpose, shall have the power to elect their own Trustees, to whom the Trustees appointed by the Church Extension Society shall surrender the church property, together with the books, papers or other valuables held by them as Trustees.

6. When any number of the members of any of our missions shall, through disaffection or from other causes, form themselves into classes, withholding themselves from the means of grace or suffer themselves to be led by those who refuse to attend the official meetings of the church, or shall in any other way walk disorderly, on a charge being brought against such person or persons, the

missionary shall see that the accused are tried according to Discipline trial of members. But should the class, of which the accused is a member, refuse or neglect to select two of their number to serve on the committee of trial, then the missionary shall fill the committee by having them selected from any other class in the mission, or from an adjoining station or circuit, as he may think proper, and should the accused be found guilty he, she or they shall be suspended or expelled, as the committee may direct. And should the entire mission become refractory the missionary shall be authorized to select them according to the provision of the Discipline for trial of churches; provided, however, that the person convicted shall in this, and in all cases where the trial is by jury, have an appeal to the Quarterly Conference of the church from which the committee of trial is selected, at the session next ensuing, whose decision shall be final.

7. Missions shall hold Quarterly Conferences.

8. When a charge is preferred against any member of the church the missionary shall see that the accused is tried in accordance with the regulations of the Discipline for the trial of members.

9. Any mission having a missionary shall be entitled to one delegate to the Annual Conference, provided the missionary have a seat, who shall be elected by the qualified members of the mission, at least two weeks preceding the session of the Annual Conference.

10. No member of the Methodist Protestant Church shall hold membership in a mission and station at the same time.

11. Until a class is formed in a mission the missionary shall have authority to receive probationers into full membership.

12. The missionary in charge is invested with authority to receive or reject applicants for membership, as he in his judgment may deem most conducive to the welfare of the mission.

13. When a mission becomes a circuit or station, the property must be so transferred to the trustees elected by the qualified members as to secure it to the Methodist Protestant Church.

14. The Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society is empowered to appoint or dismiss trustees in missions during the recess of Conference.

15. All qualified members shall be entitled to vote for stewards in missions.

16. The Society shall pay the traveling expenses of such members of the Board of Managers as do not reside in the city.

17. The Board of Managers has full power to act on all matters pertaining to the Church Extension Society in the interim of Conference.

SUPERANNUATED FUND REGULATIONS.

1. The Committee on Superannuated Claimants shall report to Conference all those names which, in its judgment, properly belong to the superannuated list.

2. The two interests, the collections for Superannuates and the interest on the Superannuated Fund, are blended, and the Committee is instructed to act accordingly.

3. The Committee in making appropriations shall be governed by the ascertained probable resources of the Conference; they shall discriminate according to the comparative claims of the several recipients, taking into consideration: 1. The time of service in the Conference. 2. The value of said service to the Conference. 3. The size of family. 4. The peculiarities of location, etc. 5. Ability to contribute to self-support by business capacity or private income.

4. The Steward of the Superannuated Fund shall disburse all moneys coming from the Superannuated Fund Society.

5. When the Committee shall have completed its report it shall be read to the Conference twenty-four hours before final action thereon, during which time objections to the report must be filed before the committee.

6. The Steward of the Superannuated Fund holds his office from the time of election until his successor is elected, and he is authorized to receive and distribute collections lifted for this fund at any time during the year.

7. The steward shall make a semi-annual distribution of the funds coming from the Superannuated Fund Society, provided the Treasurer of said Society can make a payment in the interim of Conference.

8. Every pastor is requested to bring to each session of the Annual Conference at least \$5 in addition to the Superannuated Collection, to assist any person who may be placed on the Superannuated List at that session.

9. The Corresponding Secretary of the Superannuated Fund Society shall furnish Superannuated Claimants with blanks containing the following questions, a neglect to answer which shall deprive the claimant of any portion in the distribution of said fund for the year:—

1. What is your present place of residence? Post office address?
2. Do you desire a superannuated relation the ensuing year?
3. What is the number of your family? Ages of your children, respectively?
4. In what business are you now engaged? How much does its product fall short of yielding you a necessary support? What is the amount of your private income from all sources?
5. What is the assessed value of the real estate owned by you?
6. Do you attend our church? If not, why not?
7. Do your children attend our Sabbath-school? If not, why not?